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## president's message

### William G. Cale, Jr.

There is a great deal of good news to report this Spring. Let me begin with the arts, where we are having an extraordinary year.

Last fall when we brought Jim Harris's amazing musical documentary *Civil War Voices* to campus, we nearly filled Norton Auditorium. It was the largest crowd I'd witnessed in my seven years at UNA. But then in January the Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble came to the Norton stage and the crowd was so large we had to turn many away. Both productions were fabulous. Now we await May 17-19 when our second annual University of North Alabama Front Porch Storytelling Festival will be offered in cooperation with the annual Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts' Arts Alive Festival.

Last, but surely not least, our new black box theater, the George S. Lindsey Theatre, will open in conjunction with the Lindsey film festival this March. George Lindsey will be with us for the event as will Ernest Borgnine, for whom we have named the interior space the Ernest Borgnine Performance Hall. UNA is truly enhancing its reputation as a cultural beacon for the region.

On the programmatic side there are several new advances. Our Master of Professional Studies degree has received all necessary local and state approvals and is now before our regional accrediting body for a final review. This program, designed for the working professional, will allow the student to choose from several areas of specialization and is expected to begin next fall. We are building on the success we had last year in study abroad, and hope to have well over 100 students participating this year. I have added \$60,000 dollars to the

existing study abroad scholarship budget to help more students take advantage of these opportunities.

Still in the early stages of development is a partnership with a Chinese businessman to create a Center for Integrative Health at UNA. I traveled to China in January for continuing talks and we signed an agreement outlining how we will move forward. Our faculty are creating a unique master's degree in integrative health, bringing together courses in nutrition, mental health, exercise, human growth and development, along with carefully chosen business classes. Our aim is to train people to work and manage in the health care arena. Our partner will help us with the necessary funding and recruiting of students to the new center. This is an amazing opportunity for UNA and the region.

Generating considerable excitement on campus and in the community is the return of Bobby Wallace as our Head Football Coach. (Coach Terry Bowden took the head coaching position at the University of Akron in December.) Coach Wallace has been extremely busy, and extremely successful, in bringing a class of recruits to UNA who are largely from schools in our region. We all wish Coach Wallace tremendous success.

Athletic Director Mark Linder is moving forward with plans to add two new sports to the varsity program, women's indoor and outdoor track. These two sports will attract new student athletes to UNA, strengthen our cross country team, enhance our commitment to offering equal opportunities for men and women athletes, and better position us to make the transition to NCAA Division I athletics.

These are great times to be a part of the University of North Alabama. I look forward to seeing you on campus whenever you can be here.

All my best,  
Bill Cale



## Science Building in the Making

By Lucy Berry

Student Writer for University Communications

Finding the remaining funds to pay for the new science building on campus is a major priority for officials as the university nears construction of the long-term project, said UNA President Bill Cale.

The cost estimate for the science building as of January is \$40 million, which will require administrators to find innovative ways to bring in the remaining funding needed for the project. Cale said the university has already brought in approximately \$32 million for the science building through a state grant, federal funding and bonds.

Cale said many people within the Shoals and across the state have been instrumental in helping to bring the new science building to campus.

"There is tremendous support from the local community and from our elected representatives to complete this project," he said. "I am quite confident we will be able to secure the necessary funds to go forward with the science building as it is currently designed."

Brenda Webb, chair of the Department of Physics and Earth Science, said UNA's effort to build a new science building on campus will positively impact the university.

"Areas are designed to meet the growing demand of changes in the curricula of the sciences and engineering as well," she said. "An updated, state-of-the-art learning space also will serve as a recruiting tool for potential students. Space created for the

utilization of scientific instruments will also allow us to move expensive equipment out of closets or run-down classrooms that are now used in Floyd Science building."

Lambert, Ezell, Durham Architecture + Design in Florence is the firm that has taken on the design of the new science building on campus. Don Lambert, one of the partners with the firm, is working to provide the most functional and cost-effective design for UNA.

Lambert said they have worked to recreate the feel of older buildings on campus when designing the new science building, and are using less costly but effective materials that harmonize with the classic design of the historic buildings on campus.

# UNA Finds Success With New Interdisciplinary Studies Degree

By Lucy Berry  
Student Writer for University Communications

Since fall of 2010, the Office of Professional and Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of North Alabama has found success in its new bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies by bringing approximately 65 students into the program and opening doors for both traditional and nontraditional students.

Dr. Craig Robertson, director of the BIS program and chair of the Department of Sociology, said the new degree focuses on individuals and allows students to build their own academic program based on a specialized area of emphasis, which could include art, business, health, social and behavior sciences, technology and more.

The degree in interdisciplinary studies is designed for nontraditional students who have returned to college after a long absence in order to complete a bachelor's degree that complements their occupation and previous work experiences, or to advance to a higher standing in their current field. The degree is also aimed at traditional students whose academic needs and plans after college are not offered as a major or minor at UNA, according to Robertson.

"Although the program is sometimes used as a vehicle for

adult [nontraditional] learners, it is also a program for traditional-aged students," Robertson said. "The flexibility of the program is an asset for the adult learners and traditional students, but also an asset for [the university] in attracting students to UNA for studies that we don't already have a traditional major or minor for."

Robertson said his office is piloting a new project that will be available in the fall called the Prior Learning Assessment under the direction of Dr. Robert Koch, director of the Center for Writing Excellence, the director of the Academic Success Center and assistant professor of English. The PLA will allow students to develop a portfolio that is organized around their work experiences and learning outcomes from classes.

UNA will also unveil a new master's degree in professional studies in the fall, which will have an interdisciplinary approach for traditional and nontraditional studies. There are three areas which graduate students will be able to focus on within the degree program, including communication development, security and safety leadership, and information technology.

# Social Work Reaffirmation of Accreditation

By Chelsea Bryant  
Student Writer for University Communications

The Department of Social Work at the University of North Alabama has recently received Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting body for social work education, for the full eight-year cycle through October 2019. At UNA, the department has been preparing social work professionals since 1971 and has been continuously accredited by CSWE since 1974. Most recently, the department was evaluated under the new 2008 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

The focus of accreditation has changed from an examination of program inputs to a concentration on program outputs and student learning outcomes. The Department of Social Work is now evaluated by what their graduates can do as beginning professionals, rather than by what they are taught as students. From this perspective, the new standards are a major step in the right direction, as they move social work education away from an assessment of the program and in the direction of ongoing assessment of program outcomes and consequent renewal of its programs.

The overall goal and mission of the Department of Social Work is to prepare competent and ethical entry level social workers to apply professional social work values with diverse clients and communities in rural to metropolitan environments within a global context. The department endeavors to model a commitment to professional practice and research that promotes the advancement of human well-being.

# Mid-Year Commencement Speaker 2011

By Jordan Graben  
Student Writer for University Communications

JOHN PRENDERGAST, a prominent American human rights activist, addressed graduating seniors and the University community at the mid-year commencement ceremony on December 16, 2011.

Prendergast is co-author of the recent bestselling book, *Unlikely Brothers* (a memoir of an unlikely friendship written with the "little brother" he met 25 years ago in the Big Brother program), and a co-founder for the Enough Project, an organization devoted to putting a stop to genocide and crimes against humanity. Under this initiative and along side George Clooney, Prendergast has also founded the Satellite Sentinel Project, which uses satellite images to aid in preventing conflict and human neglect.

In his thought-provoking address, Prendergast urged the freshly minted college graduates to take action for what they truly believe in and to never lose hope, even when the future seems bleak. "Believe in who you are and what you stand for," Prendergast said. He reflected on "how second chances and never giving up brought [him] here today."

He said, "I couldn't have imagined when I saw pictures of the Ethiopian famine back in 1984 when I was 21 years old, and I scraped every penny that I had together and bought a one-way ticket to Africa, that 15 years later I'd be flying around in Air Force One with Bill Clinton in Africa." His message was peppered with familiar names such as actress/activist Angelina Jolie and South African President Nelson Mandela, with whom

he collaborated on missions to bring about peace in war torn countries. The influential people he mentioned are people with not only power, but a kind of power that has made a difference in the lives of others. He said he hoped he had used enough name dropping to prove his point. "The point is, be an up-stander," he said, "and while you're being one, dream big because they could come true."

Prendergast encouraged graduating seniors to continue with their involvement with the civic



# EARLY COLLEGE

By Jordan Graben  
Student Writer for University Communications

The UNA Early College program, previously known as Early Scholars, underwent several changes for the 2012-2013 school year at a December 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. The changes allowed the program to become more consistent with its initial objectives to provide local high school students the opportunity to complete coursework at UNA.

Kim Mauldin ('94), Director of Admissions, said the initial objective of the program was "to give students the opportunity to have a college course experience while still in high school, to challenge them and give them the chance to see what the college environment is like." The changes approved made the Early College program a more broad-based system for a larger number of high school students in the area, instead of being reserved for scholars only.

In order to participate in Early College, eligible students are required to pay transportation fees and technology fees, as well as special and distance learning fees when applicable. To provide assistance with expenses, in 2011 UNA waived \$428,460 in tuition for 735 high school students who participated and enrolled in classes at the university. The program will also allow sophomore high school students who have a composite ACT score of 22 or better to join without paying any fees if they meet the same academic standards as juniors and seniors. Qualifying students are now able to take one free 3-4 credit hour course each semester.



Christian McGee, a member of the UNA Early College Program at the University of North Alabama and high school senior at Mars Hill Bible School, was recently selected among seven finalists across the state for the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra's 41st Young Artist Audition.

Christian studies under UNA Associate Professor of Music Dr. Yi-Min Cai, who said, "Success such as hers provides us with confidence that we can provide a similar avenue for great achievement possibilities for other students."

The program is showing significant influence in enrollment and bringing 40 percent of the students back to UNA after their high school graduation. Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said officials are currently planning new ways the University can keep participants at UNA and dissuade them from transferring to a different institution after they graduate high

school. Dr. Thornell said they are also working toward creating a separate Early Scholars program for the future that will attract exceptionally academically gifted and talented students. "We are feeling better about the bar having been raised and set for continued participation in this program," Thornell said. "We hope we can get a true Early Scholars program off the ground as soon as possible."

# March Toward Understanding

By Chelsea Bryant  
Student Writer for University Communications



On December 1, 2011, the University of North Alabama's Hispanic Culture Organization held the March Toward Understanding. The overall goal of the event was to educate people on what the immigration bill is doing to not only the individuals targeted, but the community as well.

The event was created in opposition to the recent passing of Alabama's immigration laws. Amanda Hernandez said the mission of the march is to "educate and inform people on the immigration laws and how the laws will negatively impact

the community." Speakers from the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, Alabama Dreamer's Organization, and the Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice were in attendance at the march.

Both those in opposition of and support of the bill were encouraged to attend since the overall goal of the march was to inform the community on both sides of the immigration law. The group obtained a permit for the event, which began at Wilson Park in downtown Florence and concluded at the Memorial Amphitheatre on campus.

# NATIONAL ROLL CALL

By Chelsea Bryant  
Student Writer for University Communications

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, the University of North Alabama joined a nationwide moment of silence to honor the American men and women in the armed forces who have lost their lives in



Afghanistan and Iraq. Colleges and universities from across the nation read the names of more than 6,200 casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF), now called Operation New Dawn.

"When you hear each of those names read aloud it is very poignant because each signifies a person who gave the ultimate measure of sacrifice for our country," said Lt. Col. (Ret.) Wayne P. Bergeron, the faculty advisor for the UNA Military and Veteran Alliance and a member of the Criminal Justice Department at UNA. "This event is simply about remembering that sacrifice. There is no effort to raise money or promote a particular organization—



simply to remember and reflect."

Those participating in the Remembrance Day National Roll Call organized their own reading of names and observed a simultaneous nationwide minute of silence. There were over 140 schools across the nation who participated in the National Roll Call.

The Remembrance Day National Roll Call is sponsored nationally by the Veterans Knowledge Commu-

nity of NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. Locally, the event is co-sponsored by the UNA Military and Veteran Alliance and the UNA Student Government Association.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brett Morris, the National Roll Call coordinator, said, "We wanted to rally campus communities across the nation to send a powerful message to the troops currently serving that their peers have not forgotten their sacrifices, or those of the fallen."



# Musical Connection

By Josh Woods  
Director for University Communications

Time in the studio has always been an integral part of the class experience for students of the UNA Department of Entertainment Industry. But starting this summer, that studio experience will be at NoiseBlock, owned and operated by Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Gary Baker.

The university signed a renewable lease agreement in February with Baker to bring the entertainment industry department to a performance and classroom space adjacent to his downtown Florence recording studio.

The lease agreement is written in five-year increments and will be first optioned to UNA. NoiseBlock Music Group is a state-of-the-art recording studio owned by Baker, who is known for his song "I Swear," which won a 1995 Grammy award for "Best Country Song" and reached No. 1 on the Billboard charts by country singer John Michael Montgomery and R&B group All 4 One.

Beginning in August 2012, UNA students will be able to use the recording studio and its equipment for a true hands-on experience in their classes. In essence, the studio will be their classroom, according to Dr. Bob Garfrerick, chair of the Department of Entertainment Industry. He said the new downtown location for his department will be a remarkable opportunity for students and is a perfect storm of events and variables coming together at the perfect moment.

"I don't know anyone in the state that will have one quite like this," he said. "Students will be able to manage the space and market the space. It will not just be for students who wish to be sound engineers or musicians, but also for those who want to work in marketing and management."



Bob Garfrerick, Gary Baker, John Thornell, Steve Smith ('83) and Bill Cale

The new location will help to improve UNA students' educations by allowing them to put on live performances in the keynote room with professionals who will be available to listen and give direction. Baker said that students must know how to draw people to their shows in order to make it in the future entertainment industry.

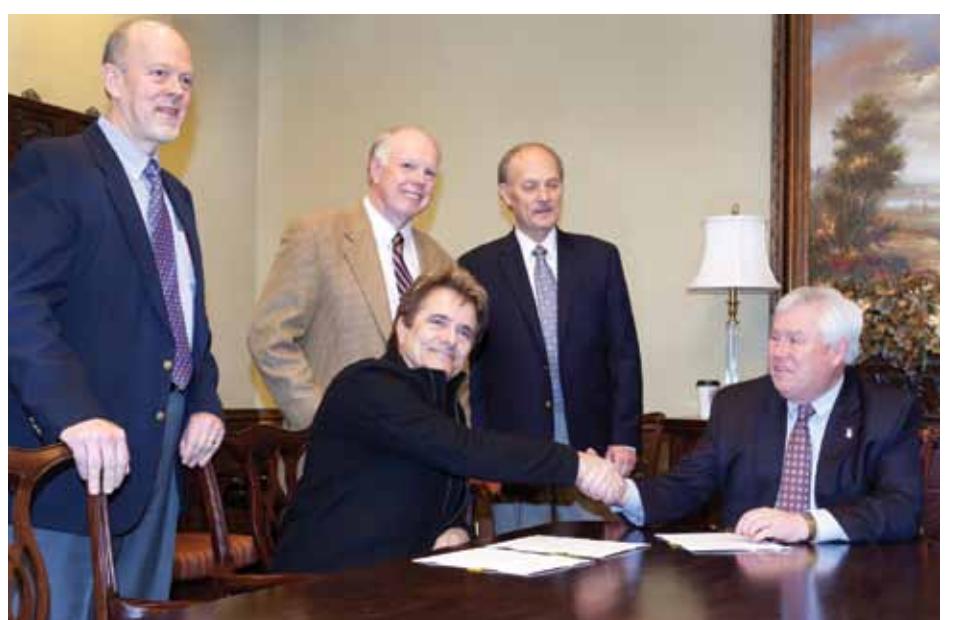
"That's what we're here for," Baker said. "I stayed in Muscle Shoals and built that studio to keep people from moving away that had talent."

purchased the building, he envisioned building a partnership with UNA.

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NoiseBlock Music Group has roots with UNA since all of its employees are alumni of the university. Baker said this connection will be important for the Department of Entertainment Industry and is going to give UNA a downtown presence.

Baker said that when he first



## Culinary Arts Student Produces Cookbook to Raise Funds for Department

By Lucy Berry  
*Student Writer for University Communications*



Ashley Whitehead, Chef Ogun, T.J. Seagraves, and Chef Lewis

Ashley Whitehead, a culinary arts major and aspiring bakery owner, wanted to do something unique with her honors capstone project to graduate at the University of North Alabama. With the help of her instructor, she set out to create a student cookbook to fulfill her graduation requirements and to benefit the department.

President of the Culinary Arts Club, Whitehead collaborated in August with Chef Johnson Ogun, assistant professor and director of culinary facilities, to begin producing the department's first-ever cookbook. She said the cookbook consists of more than 200 original recipes that inspired UNA students to enter the field of culinary arts.

"This [cookbook] will help students leave their legacy," Whitehead said. "Since it's the department's first cookbook, it will leave a piece of history for the Culinary Arts program and also for the university."

The cookbook includes eight basic categories for cooking, including appetizers, beverages, desserts, main dishes, vegetables, and more. Whitehead said the cookbook will be a mixture of fine dining and home cooking in an easy-to-understand format.

"People should purchase this cookbook to support us because the program is going to use the funding to buy new equipment for our kitchen and for us to participate in competitions in the future to help further our education," she said.



2011 Miss UNA Brandi Lewis



Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority

and that there's something that every student can get involved in.

Josh Woods, director of University Communications, said the First Fridays UNA event was planned to provide an opportunity for the good things about UNA to be showcased. "The goal is to make the community more aware of the huge things happening at UNA," Woods said. "The transition to Division I is just a piece in a much larger puzzle."

Some of the fun that students and faculty members provided for the First Fridays festivities included a photo booth, a children's magic show with The Wizard of TUNA, and performances by Greek organizations on campus.

As the last event for Purple Reign Week 2011 (an annual spirit competition among the local business and campus community), there was a pep rally held downtown where the winners of the spirit competition were announced. Participating in the pep rally were athletes from the fall 2011 teams, the Pride of Dixie Marching Band, and the UNA cheerleading squad.

First Fridays is a local music and arts festival unique to the Shoals community and is held on the first Friday evening of the month from March through December. In November First Friday featured booths, entertainment, displays and demonstrations from more than twenty departments and programs from UNA. The presenters included the golf team, the Department of Physics and Earth Science, the Department of Human and Environmental Science, the National Broadcasting Society, and The Flor-Ala just to name a few. The wide variety of participants from UNA proves the diversity across campus.



Chunsheng Zhang and Guihua Li

University President Dr. William Cale Jr., said, "This community is very important to UNA, as UNA is to this community, and so we are excited to be a part of an event like this where we can show our community and university spirit. We are deeply appreciative to DFU for enabling us to be a part of First Fridays in such a significant way."



# EXPANDING THE LEGACY



Birdie and Robert Bailey ('98)

Katie Todd ('10) and Megan Eadens



Joe Thomas, Gary Elliott, Betty ('70) and John Bostick ('57)



Billy Don Anderson ('62), George Lindsey ('52) and Tuffy Hudson ('61)



Emily and Randy McCann ('77)



Elaine ('88) and Larry Softley ('89)



Jeremy Britten on Kilby Float



Ashley ('08) and Anthony Sparks ('06 & '07)



Homecoming Queen Allison Ray and King Will Riley



Joe and Shelia Tucker ('70), Bob Seeley ('68 & '74), Fran Vest ('69 & '88), Bill Cale and Sherri Stewart ('69) at unveiling of Striplin marker



## GEORGE CARPENTER '73 UNA ALUMNI of the YEAR

**George Carpenter '73** has been an active resident of the Shoals area for his entire life. He was SGA President during his time at Florence State University, and he was involved with student government when the university made the transition from Dr. Norton to Dr. Guillot. "That was an interesting time. [Dr. Guillot] established the policy that the president of the SGA, which happened to be me at that time, became an ex-officio member of the board of trustees, and that is a policy that is still in place today." Carpenter said that his experience as SGA President and as a member of the board of trustees allowed him to voice students' opinions to the board of trustees.

After his time at FSU, he took his experiences in the ROTC program and served three months of active duty in the U.S. Army. He spent the next four years studying at the Birmingham School of Law. Upon graduation from law school and passing the Alabama Bar Exam, Judge Carpenter and his family moved back to his hometown of Tuscumbia, where he began his professional career.

In 1980, Carpenter won his first political election as District Judge of Colbert County, and he held that position for over 30 years. Carpenter has not only served the community of Tuscumbia as a judge, but he has also given generously of his personal time as a member of the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, and he developed the Juvenile Court Community Service Program in Colbert County. He has given freely of his time and resources, even though doing so isn't exactly in his job description. "One reason [I volunteered in the community] is I saw those things as just as much a part of my responsibilities as what I was getting paid to do," Carpenter said.

Carpenter has accomplished a great deal throughout his career, and, though he is now retired, he still continues to participate in community service. Looking back on his career, Carpenter said, "I think that I'm proud of the fact that I endured, that I did what I was supposed to do in the way that I thought I was supposed to do it. And I was able to do that for 30 years."

Carpenter is now retired and he and his wife **Sandra '81** have two children and two grandchildren. The Carpenters reside in Tuscumbia.





## DOLORES COOK '69 UNA ALUMNI of the YEAR



**Dolores Cook '69** was the first female Army Officer commissioned at Florence State College in 1969. Nominated for this award by peers from Striplin Hall, Cook said, "Arriving at Striplin, I believe what I liked most was the closeness that it brought for all of us. While we may in our own individual lives have been competitive, there was a place for each and every one of us at Striplin. We knew why we were there—we had ambition but it was not on our sleeve. We were very willing to help each one accomplish what others were there to do. We felt happy when someone received recognition; we felt the pain when something happened to one of our fellow Striplin girls. Everyone left Striplin with a sense of comradery and compassion for her neighbor. You learned patience. Because of the attention we received, individually and collectively, we were allowed to grow and be who we are today."

Cook said, "The skills I learned through college, the importance of others, the opportunity to be a leader, all contributed to my successful career. Since that time, I have been fortunate to move forward and be involved in a career of emergency management, first with the American Red Cross and now with State Civil Defense. I am in a position to help others—again, a trait that I believe came from Striplin and all those early influences at UNA."

Cook served for 22 years in the Army, culminating that career in Hawaii. She enjoyed a variety of planning, administrative, and logistical management positions including managing the office of Headquarters, Pacific Command, and Army General Staff. After retirement from the Army, she chose to remain in Hawaii and served as Director for the Department of Health and coordinated the logistical planning for disaster operations within the Pacific Island Consortium. Cook provided disaster planning expertise for the American Red Cross. Since 2000, Cook has been responsible for the development of the State of Hawaii Civil Defense plans and policy related to terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, bioterrorism, cyber terrorism and homeland security. She integrates Federal, State and County laws and regulations into State policies and planning for terrorist incidents, aligning emergency management principles for preparedness, response and recovery activities.



## Dr. ROBERT McKENZIE '62

## UNA ALUMNI of the YEAR

**Dr. (Bob) McKenzie '62** is a native of the Shoals area. After graduating as valedictorian from Deshler High School, he received his bachelor's from Florence State College. McKenzie attended FSC during a time when, though there were only around 2,000 students enrolled, there was great diversity on campus. McKenzie recalled that on his first day of class at Florence State, he met a Jordanian Prince, a New Yorker, and a service veteran from Massachusetts. The diversity of Florence State's campus mixed with McKenzie's experiences in the ROTC program and his 30 years of service in the military helped McKenzie discover his passion for democracy.

"ROTC and my time in the military gave me training and knowledge and it taught me about responsibility to country," McKenzie said. "All of those experiences led to my drifting into democracy."

McKenzie has worked for over 40 years to answer the question, What does it take to make democracy work as it should? "Over time, my life has collapsed around that question," McKenzie said. He is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the David Matthews Center for Civic Life, located at the American Village in Montevallo, Ala. The center helps communities answer the questions McKenzie has been working to answer for his entire career. Through his work at this center, as an emeritus professor at the New College at the University of Alabama, and as an emeritus senior associate at the Kettering Foundation in Dayton, Ohio, McKenzie had the opportunity to write several books and scholarly articles and to work as a contributing editor for publications at the Kettering Foundation and the National Issues forum in Washington, D.C.

McKenzie served as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C.; Director of Research for the Center for Public Law and Service at the University of Alabama, and in many other positions at the University of Alabama.

Dr. McKenzie has been active in his community and in his church, as he is a current participant in the Kairos Prison Ministry, which is an international ministry that aims to reach men and women being impacted by incarceration. McKenzie and his wife **Frances '62** have three children and seven grandchildren. They reside in Northport, Ala.



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Created to recognize and honor alumni or non-alumni who have left lasting impressions on this campus, a brick in a permanent location in our Alumni Victory Garden is dedicated to the winners.*



Dr. Raymond Isbell '53



Harvey and Joyce Ann Robbins

**Dr. Raymond Isbell, '53** taught in the UNA Chemistry department for 30 years. Isbell received his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, worked for Redstone Arsenal, TVA, and eventually as an associate professor of chemistry at UNA. For the next eight years, he worked from associate professor to professor, and in 1973 he was named head of the Department of Chemistry. Isbell served at UNA until he retired in 1997. He has served on the Helen Keller Hospital Board of Directors for 20 years and has been a member of the city of Sheffield Civil Service Board for over 30 years. Isbell served as a minister and in several other positions in his church, and has helped several local high schools by judging science fairs and even teaching a high school science class for four years. Isbell is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Alabama Academy of Science, and Phi Kappa Phi, and he has been listed in Outstanding Personalities of the South and Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Dr. Raymond Isbell initiated the concept of professors giving a year of service back to the university as a means of supporting departmental scholarships with a year's salary. Since that time, several UNA professors have done the same. Henceforth, these professors will be known as Raymond Isbell Scholars and will have their names engraved on a plaque which will be displayed in Bibb Graves Hall. Dr. Isbell and his wife Shirley have two children and they reside in Sheffield.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS** are for extraordinary service to their community, in order to recognize model citizens who have given long-term involvement professionally and as a volunteer where they live.



Gene Hamby '65



Steve Harrison '75

**Gene Hamby '65** graduated from Florence State College and then attended the University of Alabama School of law, where he graduated in the top 20% of his class. Hamby returned to the Shoals after graduation, and he opened a law practice in Sheffield, where he practiced until he retired. He is a member of the Sheffield Education Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Alabama Law Foundation, UNA President's Cabinet, Friends of the Sheffield Library, Northwest Alabama Housing Authority and the Sheffield Kiwanis. Hamby has been named twice as Sheffield's Citizen of the Year by Sheffield Kiwanis, and he has been awarded several "Who's Who" awards, including Who's Who in Alabama. He is currently president of Habitat of the Shoals. Hamby has not only given of his time, he and his wife Judy generously give endowed scholarships to UNA (Jerry Mills Scholarship), Sheffield Education Foundation, and the University of Alabama School of Law. Hamby and his wife live in Colbert County and are active in the Colbert County UNA Alumni Club.

**Harvey Robbins**, a native of the Shoals area, graduated from Deshler High School in Tuscumbia, went to the University of Florida for two years and then to UNA for one year. He joined the family business, Robbins Tire and Rubber Company, and remained for 40 years. Robbins retired in 1995 after the sale of National Floor Products, and focused on restoring the beauty and history of his hometown. His first endeavor was a makeover of the town's traditional center, Spring Park. Harvey then renovated the Palace Ice Cream Shop, where he and his high school sweetheart Joyce Ann had shared the famous chocolate milkshake. He opened Doublehead Resort and Lodge, a development on the shores of Lake Wilson which became a destination resort attracting national attention. Additional accomplishments and philanthropy include providing the land to enable the construction of the RSA's longest Robert Trent Jones golf course and serving as chairman of the board of Valley Federal of Muscle Shoals, as a member of the Board of First Metro Bank of Muscle Shoals and on the UNA Board of Trustees. Robbins and his wife Joyce Ann's greatest pleasure in life is to watch others enjoy the fruits of their labor and continue to delight in the rebirth of Tuscumbia's main street. Recently, they provided a million dollar endowment to the University of North Alabama for outstanding students from Deshler High School to attend this university.

**Steve Harrison '75** published the first UNA Alumni communication in 1973. After graduation, Harrison began a successful career in insurance in the Shoals area. Harrison has served as the public address announcer at UNA football games at Braly Stadium for over 30 years, and he has announced the NCAA Division II Championship game for more than 25 years. He has been the emcee for the Harlon Hill banquet since 1998 and for the national championship luncheon since its inception. He has also served as the announcer for UNA Basketball at Flowers hall. Harrison founded the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 and has served as President since that time. Harrison also volunteered as a high school football coach. In 2010, he created a fund for a local resident struggling with Cerebral Palsy, and this fund raised over \$22,000 for her cause and helped purchase a van to transport her to therapy. Harrison and his wife, Brenda, live in Florence.



Steve Logan '64

**Steve Logan '64** has worked as a history teacher, football and baseball coach, and as a manufacturer and developer of the mobile homes industry in the state of Alabama. From 1987-1991, he served as the District 17 member of the Alabama House of Representative for Marion and Winston Counties. Logan additionally worked for UNA's Office of Alumni and Governmental Affairs and he served as mayor of Hamilton from 2000-2004. He has been an active member in the Hamilton Kiwanis club, serving

in the past as President and as District Governor of the Kiwanis Club. Through his generosity Logan funds multiple scholarships and funds for University of North Alabama students, including among those scholarship, the memory of the late John Willis, Michael Gargis, Becky Grubb, and Phillip Logan. At the death of his wife, he founded the Nancy Logan Cancer Foundation to benefit breast cancer patients who are unable to pay for cancer drugs. He is a native of Haleyville but resides in Hamilton.

**MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS** recognize the men and women from our armed services who have chosen careers dedicated to the service of our country and to the protection of each one of us.



John Battcher '65



Charles E. Dexter '59



Jim Noles '67

**John Battcher '65** was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps. At UNA, he was a member of the Pershing Rifles Drill Team and the ROTC rifle team. Battcher served in Vietnam as an officer and as an advisor to the Vietnamese Transportation Command. He held numerous operational staff positions, including positions in the United States and Germany. In 1982, Battcher was one of a hundred army officers selected by the Department of the Army and awarded the title of Army Logistician as a result of his expertise in command and staff management positions. Battcher was awarded many military honors, including Meritorious Unit and Presidential Unit Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Technical Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medals, Meritorious Service Medals, Bronze Stars and the Legion of Merit. Following retirement, he was recognized as a distinguished member of the Transportation Corps for his dedicated and distinguished service in the Army Transportation Corps. Battcher and his wife, **Ann '65**, live in Madison, Ala.

**Charles E. Dexter '59** was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. He was president of the ROTC Provost Corps and Drill Team Commander. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer College, Ft. Leavenworth, Ks.; the U.S. Air University War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and the U.S. Army Aviation School in Ft. Rucker, Ala.

Among assignments during his more than 24 years were Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Flight Operations Officer at Ft. Ord, Calif., and Ft. Benning, Ga.; Military Assistance Command and U.S. Army Pacific Command in Vietnam. He also served as Commanding Officer, K-16 in South Korea; Aviation General Staff Officer and Commanding General's Pilot in Ft. Meade, Md.; Post Commander and Commanding Officer in West Germany; Assistant Director of the Army Staff, Headquarters at the Pentagon; General Staff Officer and Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Military in the District of Washington.

**POLITICAL SERVICE AWARD** Nominated by peers, these recipients serve their state, regional, or local government in an elected or appointed position and bring recognition to this University because of their influence and dedicated service.



Greg Reeves '88

**Greg Reeves**, a 1988 graduate of UNA, completed law school at the University of Alabama. He has practiced law for the past 20 years in Decatur. In 2008, Reeves was elected by an 80% margin to the Decatur City Council, and the council elected him as president. Reeves has helped the City of Decatur save over \$1 million; he has developed and implemented several major projects in the city such as a new \$3.6 million dollar 25,000 sq. ft. pavilion, reorganization of many departments,

Col Dexter's military awards and decorations include Legions of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Combat Air Medals, Meritorious Air Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medals, Army Commendation Medals, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four Campaign Clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Army Aviator Wings, Parachutist Wings, Pathfinder Wings, and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

He held some unique duty assignments, including General Staff Officer with Military District of Washington, where he was responsible for Medal of Honor award ceremonies for Presidents Carter and Reagan; and as a Joint Staff Officer he was responsible for organizing the Inaugural Parade, the Capitol Swearing-In Ceremony, and the White House Reviewing Stand for the 1981 Inauguration of President Ronald Reagan.

Retiring in 1983, he was a vice president with the Titan Corporation. He is married to Barbara Jane (Frisbie) Dexter and they reside in Ormond Beach, Fla.

**Jim Noles '67** became the third graduate of UNA to achieve the rank of General in the United States Army. He began his military career as a platoon leader at Fort Hood, Texas. Noles returned to Alabama in 1970 to earn his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Alabama. Noles served in Vietnam, North Carolina, Germany, North Yemen, and Kentucky. During his time in Germany, he served as Mayor of Friedburg, Germany. Noles served as the Assistant Commandant at the U.S. Army School in Fort Knox, Ky., and he served in that position until his retirement in 1992. In 1991, Noles was named Alumni of the Year by the UNA Alumni Association. Throughout his career in the military, Noles earned many decorations, including the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star, and Meritorious Service Medal. In 2002, he returned to Florence and worked as the director of the YMCA of the Shoals. Noles and his wife **Jackie '70** live in Florence.

\$6.5 million dollar sewer project, and record road improvements. He supported the effort to build a fine arts project in downtown Decatur in a partnership between Athens State University and Calhoun Community College. He is a civic/political servant with a heart for the people of his community. Reeves and his wife Jesslyn have two children and reside in Decatur.

**FACULTY/ STAFF SERVICE AWARDS** are presented to successful alumni among peers from UNA. The award winners possess far-reaching, long-term involvement and influence with students, organizations, and colleagues at the University.



Dr. Lynn Aquadro '95

**Dr. Lynn Aquadro '95** has been an instructor at UNA since 2001. After obtaining a degree in nursing from Memphis State University, Dr. Aquadro began her career in nursing, working from 1975 to 1978 in hospitals in Memphis and at the Internal Medicine Clinic in Florence from 1982 until 1994. She received her master's in Nursing Administration from UA Huntsville in 1996 and became a Certified Nurse Practitioner. Aquadro has developed seven new courses for the College of Nursing at UNA. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau, and the Alabama Nurses Association. She was the recipient of the 2004 Alabama Business Woman of the Year and was named one of "150 Strong Women" by the Memphis Commercial Appeal. She was the recipient of the Alabama Public Health Hero Award from the UAB School of Public Health in 2005.



Dr. Wanda Bradford '76

**Dr. Wanda Bradford '76** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UNA in 1980. She then pursued her master's degree at UA Huntsville. During her time at UAH, she was selected to be the first school nurse in Franklin County. Bradford established a county-wide health program in Franklin County, which included health screenings, home visits, and health education programs. In 1989, she was named "Alabama School Nurse of the Year" by the



Stanley Hurst

Alabama Association of School Nurses. In 1993, Bradford accepted an assistant professor position to teach Community Health Nursing at UNA. Bradford began working on UNA's online RN to BSN program. Dr. Bradford and the College of Nursing established the first graduate program for nursing at UNA, which is taught completely online. In 2004, Bradford received her Doctor of Nursing degree at Rush University in Chicago. Bradford was promoted to Department Chair of the Online Nursing Department.

**Stanley Hurst**, a native of the St. Joseph, Tennessee, area, has worked for UNA for 28 years for the Facilities Department as an electrician. As lead electrician, he is a major on-call employee for UNA after hours. Hurst has been a supporter of alumni events and a credit to keeping campus activities run seamless. He was a geography major at UNA in the late '70s while working for the phone company in Loretto, Tenn. He additionally studied in the Department of Art where he developed a passion that feeds his hobby-turned-side career, working in ceramics, a result of ceramic classes he took at UNA. This supports the operation of a pottery tool business and pottery tools that he sells internationally. He is a member of the National Council of Ceramic Arts. His wife Jan works in the UNA post office and both of their children attended UNA.

**EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD** is most appropriate as the University has a long-standing reputation as an outstanding institution for teacher education and administration. Award winners cover the breadth from administration in both K-12 education and higher education.



Dr. Buford Arnold '59 & '66



Dr. Fred Frawley '68 & '76



Dr. Tina Thornton Smith '78 & '80

**Dr. Buford Arnold '59 & '66** earned his bachelor's degree in biology and master's in education administration from Florence State College. In addition to his two degrees, he studied in Oslo, Norway, as a scholarship recipient from Rotary International. Between the years of 1960 and 1967, Arnold taught in two cities in Georgia, and he worked as an instructor supervisor at the University of Georgia. He was an elementary school Principal in Rockmart, Ga., served as Assistant Superintendent of the Polk County, Ga., School District, and spent seven years as the Superintendent of Bremen City Schools in Georgia. He received his Ph.D. in Education Administration and Political Science from Georgia State University in 1979, and became the Superintendent of Cartersville City Schools, where he served until his retirement in 1990. Since retiring, Arnold has served as an interim superintendent for two school systems in Georgia, as an instructor at State University of West Georgia, and as an associate professor of Education at Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga. Arnold has retired to his hometown in Bear Creek, Ala., where he resides with his wife Billie Mann Arnold.

**Dr. Fred Frawley '68 & '76** has worked in education for over twenty-five years after retiring from a 21-year military career. Frawley was commissioned into the Army after graduation from UNA. From 1968 until 1984, he worked as an officer in the Army, traveling the U.S. and the world performing Command and Staff assignments. In 1970, he was honored with the Bronze Star Medal, which is awarded by the Army for acts of heroism. Frawley earned his master's degree from UNA in 1976. He served as the assistant professor of military science and director of Army Officer

Education at Vanderbilt University, and he has served as counseling center coordinator, middle school principal, assistant elementary principal, and Director of Learning Services at Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, Tenn. Frawley was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award from FRA, and he has published many articles about education, the military, and several articles about September 11<sup>th</sup> that appeared in the *Tennessean* and on the *Tennessean* website. Frawley is also a distinguished storyteller who has performed at many venues, including the Country Music Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Gloria, live in Brentwood, Tenn.

**Dr. Tina Thornton Smith '78 & '80** has taught in Tuscumbia City Schools, Vernon Parish, La., schools, and at Columbia Academy in Columbia, Tenn. Smith earned her master's in Elementary Education from UNA in 1988, and she began teaching at Santa Fe School in Maury County, Tenn., where she taught courses in Spanish, reading, theatre arts, English, and music for 20 years. She earned her Education Specialist degree from Tennessee State University, and her Doctor of Education degree. Smith has worked as an independent education consultant and as an instructor at two universities. She is currently a professor in the Department of Education at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn. Smith and Mark Orman, also a UNA graduate, created the Athenaeum School for Young Ladies which is a summer camp that teaches history to teenage girls by helping them live the way girls lived in 1861. Smith has also taught classes at her church, including a divorce recovery class. She is currently writing a book about divorce recovery and hopes to submit it for publication next year. She lives in Columbia, Tenn., with her family.

**FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY AWARD** honors those who promote the mission of the University by their donation of time, resources, and energy. They are UNA patrons, silently seeking to select deserving causes and special interests where they can share their expertise and talents.



Sandy Noland & Nanette Robbins

**Crocodiles Ed's** Edward Robbins is an inspired entrepreneur creating a partnership between UNA and his dynamic company. Crocodile Ed's and Ed Robbins worked with the Office of Career Development and Department of Marketing and Management in the College of Business to connect with UNA students who assisted in meeting market research needs for new product launches and Crocodile Ed's. Crocodile Ed's hires interns through the Culinary Arts program in the Department of Human Environmental Sciences.



Louise McCoy

**Louise McCoy** grew up in Chicago, Ill., and its suburbs and received excellent musical training and exposure to great performing groups. She has taken piano lessons since the age of six, started accompanying at age nine, and played the piano for local summer stock theatre groups at the age of 16. Louise has taught piano since she was a teenager and has been the pianist at First United Methodist Church in Sheffield, Ala., for 20 years.

In the Shoals area, Louise has been employed as adjunct faculty at UNA since 1974, accompanying and teaching. She has served for many years on the Shoals Symphony Board, has been chairman of the Eunice Hoffmeister Concerto Competition, and is active in the Florence Music Study Club and the National Federation of Music Teachers. She accompanies

students who perform in their instrument or vocal recitals, which is a requirement for all music majors. She performs as an accompanist at the level of a professional musician and adds immeasurably to the recital performances; she basically takes the place of an orchestra in the background. She has also given generously of her financial resources to the music department.

**Rosie's Mexican Cantina** has been in Florence for over seven years and has truly been the epitome of a friend to the University. They have been an Athletic Corporate Sponsor for the past four years, and have supported various groups around campus with their fundraising efforts. **Kim Parker '94**, their marketing representative, has aided in providing food for the UNA Student Phonathon. They were more than willing because of the passion she and the rest of the staff at Rosie's have for UNA. The most recent project Rosie's has taken on for UNA is to make Mondays known as UNA Day at Rosie's. Every Monday, Rosie's donates 20% of checks to different funds at UNA such as the Scholarship Fund, Leo and Una, and Men and Women's Basketball, just to name a few. It is this type of commitment to excellence that allows UNA to continue to provide a first class education and a well-rounded student experience.



Kim Parker '94 & Ray Grissom

**PROMISING ALUMNI AWARDS** are selected by UNA faculty and staff who select seniors excelling in leadership, scholastics, character, service, and potential.



Ralph Akalonu



Lucy Berry



Caleb Banks



Dillon Hodges



Brandi Lewis



Allison Ray



Heather Unger Robertson



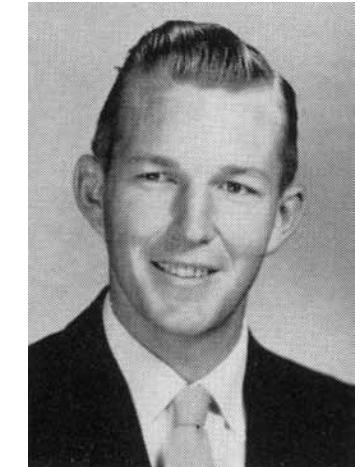
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## POWER IN ALABAMA DECADES OF INFLUENCE



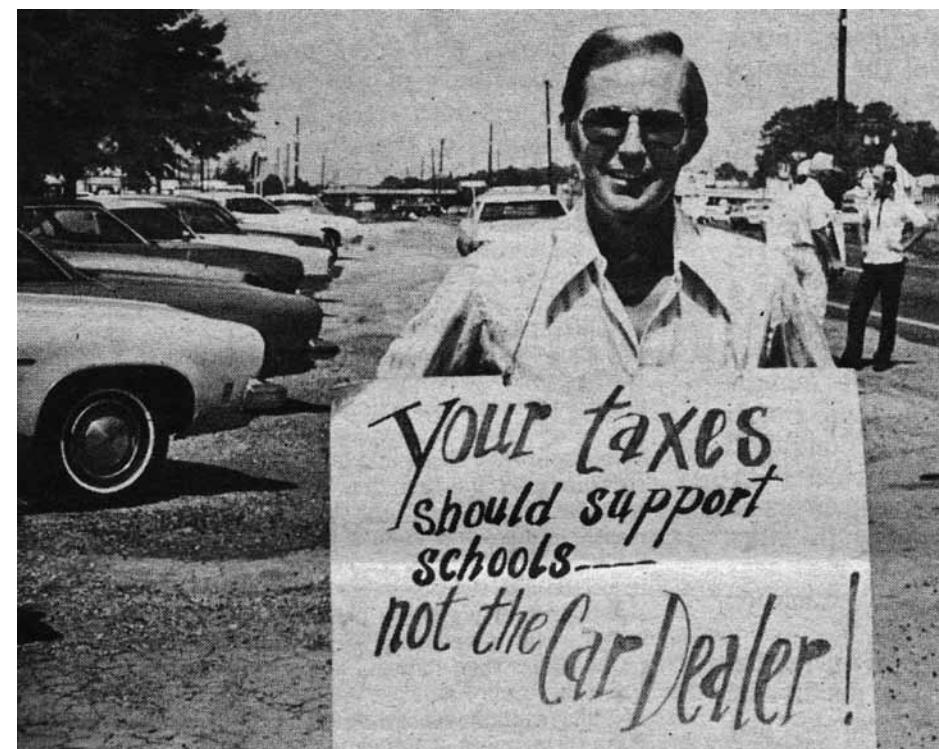
*DR. PAUL HUBBERT '59, considered one of the most powerful people in the state of Alabama, graduated from Florence State College and for the past fifty years has made great strides for education. Hubbert retired at the end of 2011 as executive secretary of the Alabama Education Association, which represents about 100,000 state public school teachers and employees.*



Dr. Hubbert was hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately following high school graduation from a small county school in Fayette County, Alabama. He worked in Washington for one year and decided he did not want to go up the ladder there without a degree. Subsequently he started school in

Florence and became an Alabama legend. Hubbert came to FSTC in 1955, and after one year he and his Carbon Hill Alabama sweetheart Ann McDonald married. He worked a 48-hour a week job while completing his degree (a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1959). They had a daughter while they were students here. They now have two daughters who are doctors—one in Phoenix, Ariz., and one in Montgomery. The Hubberts also have four grandchildren.

A friend from Hubbert's student days at Florence State Teachers College, Dr. Buford Arnold '59 said, "He was a married student, father, and worked at a job while at FSTC, and proved to be an outstanding student and was completely dedicated to his family. I am one of his greatest admirers through the years. His career path was one of foresight, dedication and commitment to achieve all that did for school system in Alabama, especially for teachers and support staff. Hubbert's ethics purposely served the welfare of Alabama students. He achieved success because he believed in the





team concept and that all employees function together. He was at the right place at the right time in the state of Alabama for the public school system."

After FSC (incidentally as a student he voted against the name change from FSTC to FSC) Hubbert matriculated to the University of Alabama thinking that he would go to law school, but decided at that time to go into education administration. He became the Superintendent of Troy City Schools before going to work in Montgomery to take a lead role in the Alabama Education Association.

Hubbert was a friend of UNA President Robert M. Guillot and served on the board of his insurance company (American Educators in Birmingham). He began working with AEA in 1969 when he was 33

years old. Hubbert was hired to represent Alabama's all-white teachers' organization. He convinced Joe Reed, then the leader of the black teacher organization, to join the two groups and build one organization that would lobby for better teacher pay and benefits. Thus the AEA was formed.

A Birmingham-Southern College political science professor, having known Hubbert for 30 years, said, "Love him or hate him, you won't likely see someone like Paul Hubbert again. He elevated teachers and education in this state in a way that did not exist before he became head of AEA. Before Hubbert, teachers barely were able to make a living, support their families and that was also certainly true for school support personnel like janitors and bus drivers. He raised the quality of life

for generations of people. And, he secured and protected funding for schools in a way that just did not exist before him."

In 1990, the passion Hubbert had for the state of Alabama propelled him to seek and win the Democratic Party nomination for governor. In a sometimes bitter fight, Hubbert lost to incumbent Republican Gov. Guy Hunt. Hubbert emerged from that loss to run AEA for two more decades—a period that saw him dominate much of the political debate in the state.

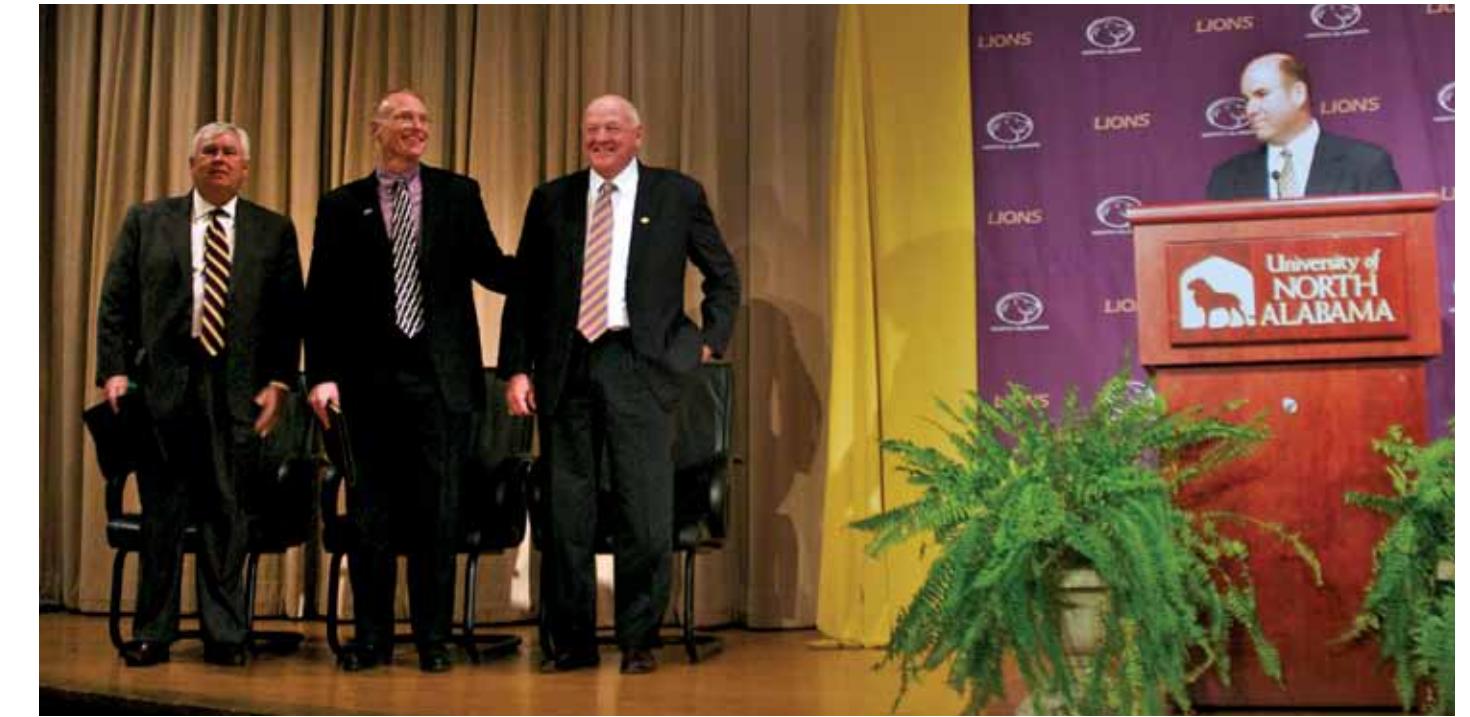
Dr. Luckey Crocker, Dean Emeritus of the UNA College of Education, remembers Hubbert well. "I supervised his student teaching at Deshler High School in Social Studies. He was a good student interested in doing a good job. He has been back and offered services to the university and not just to the College of Education. Hubbert is a premier example of a successful graduate in both education administration and academics. He chose his profession wisely. He has done an outstanding job and has been totally effective for the teachers in the state of Alabama. He stood his ground. We did not always see eye to eye but we did respect each other."

Hubbert said he will miss the pressure of his job and attending to details. "You get accustomed to that lifestyle and all of a sudden, nobody calls you anymore and nobody asks for help on solving a problem anymore, so you kind of miss those things. I would think you would," he said. Hubbert said he wanted to be remembered as "someone who cared about education, and someone who cared about the kids in our state and who wants to help them and wants to help the employees who work with them."



# BOBBY'S BACK

THE REACTION WAS IMMEDIATE AND IMPRESSIVE



The Lion alumni and fans that greeted Bobby Wallace's return made it clear that they are excited that BOBBY'S BACK.

On January 2, Wallace walked onto the stage at the Performance Center with UNA President Dr. William Cale and Athletic Director Mark Linder for the announcement of his hiring as the Lions' head football coach. Before a word was spoken, the crowd of more than 250 that filled the room stood in applause. It was the first of several standing ovations Wallace would receive during the hour-long press conference.

Wallace was the architect of UNA's unparalleled football success in the 1990s that included three straight NCAA Division II national championships. His return to UNA, some 14 years later to become the Lions' ninth head football coach, has immediately re-energized the fan base and the program.

While acknowledging the significant legacy Wallace left during a decade as North Alabama's football coach, UNA Athletic Director Mark Linder emphasized that this hire was not about the past, but what Wallace can do for the future of the Lions' football program.

"We set out to hire a quality person who can coach football and that is exactly who we have hired in Bobby Wallace," Linder said. "His love and passion for UNA and the Shoals will be a great fit for our University and department as we move into the future."

"Bobby is a fantastic football coach, but what was revealed during the search

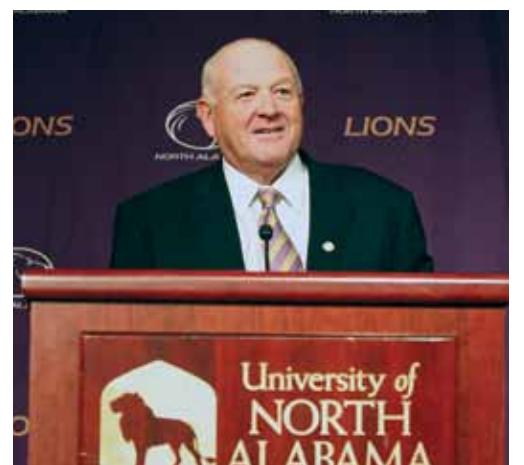
process is that he is an even better person," Linder added. "The support from our alumni, our community, and our region for Coach Wallace is amazing. At this point in time, I cannot think of a better head football coach for UNA, and I am really excited about working with Bobby."

Linder's feelings were echoed by many others.

"I'm just so excited about the future here," said **Steve Pierce '75**, UNA board of trustees president pro tem. "He is the perfect coach at the perfect time. I can't think of anyone better to take us where we need to be than him. The support here is unbelievable and it has just re-energized the entire community about not only UNA athletics but UNA itself."

"This is huge for UNA," said former Lion All-American and 10-year NFL veteran **Ronald McKinnon '09**. "It feels great knowing that Coach Wallace will be helping with the transition. To see this kind of support for Coach Wallace is great. It's a great day for UNA."

Wallace, 57, was head coach at UNA from 1988-97, posting an 82-36-1 record that included six NCAA Division II playoff appearances, three Gulf South Conference championships and three consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships (1993-95). His 1993-95 teams had a combined 41-1 record, making Wallace the first coach in collegiate football history to win as many as 40 games in just three seasons. The three straight national titles also made UNA the first school in the history of NCAA scholarship football to





win three straight national titles.

A three-time GSC Coach of the Year and three-time Division II National Coach of the Year, Wallace was also selected as the Division II Coach of the Quarter Century (1972-97). His 1995 squad was invited to the White House to meet with President Bill Clinton and became the first Division II team to receive such an invitation.

Following his time at UNA, Wallace coached at Temple University from 1998-2005, and at the University of West Alabama from 2006-10. He was inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame in 2010, the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011 and was also previously inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Although Wallace's first team at Temple finished 2-9, one of the wins became arguably one of the biggest upsets in college football history. On October 17, 1998, the 0-6 Owls traveled to Blacksburg, Va., to play the Virginia Tech Hokies. The Owls overcame a 17-0 deficit and numerous injuries to upset the Hokies 28-24. The win gave the Owls their first ever Big East road win, and their first win over a ranked opponent in 11 years. Two weeks later, the Owls won

again in improbable fashion, this time overcoming a 20-0 deficit to defeat Pittsburgh.

In five seasons at West Alabama, from 2006-10, he led the Tigers to three winning seasons and the school's first NCAA post-season appearance since 1975. West Alabama's 6-5 record in 2006 marked the Tigers' first winning season in 14 years. He retired from coaching following the 2010 season.

While Wallace said there weren't many things that were going to get him off the beach or away from his home in Gulf Shores, he said the opportunity to coach at UNA again was too good to pass up.

"This is a very special place to me," Wallace said. "I spent 10 great years here. It's the longest I've ever spent in one place in my adult life and it's so great to be able to come back and come home to a place where you have so many friends and so many supporters and so many memories. And to have all that in place will make this job that much easier, even though it won't be easy."

"There is great responsibility, but this is a great opportunity," Wallace continued. "It's about being in the right place at the right time. I have a lot

invested in this University and I love this University and I love the Shoals."

Wallace said the Lions' proposed transition to a Division I was a factor in his decision to return to UNA.

"I'm excited about being here at this time," Wallace said. "Winning off the field is going to be just as important as winning on the field. I've been in Division I and have a knowledge of those things, and I feel that I can help. We're about to go through two transitions and I felt I could be a part of that and help guide those transitions and maybe give us a little bit of a head start."

Wallace said he was also very excited about the improvements to the campus and facilities at UNA since his first term as head coach.

"I think the entire campus has improved dramatically," said Wallace. "Taking the road out of the heart of the campus really changed things for the better. And with the fountain and Lion habitat and other improvements, it is something you can really show off to potential student-athletes."

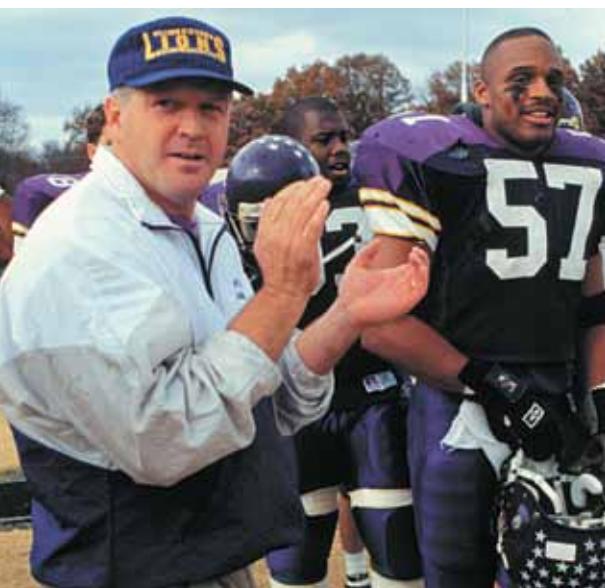
Wallace said he is excited about the improvement in the football facilities as well.

"Adding a practice field with turf and lights has improved the practice situation 100 percent," Wallace said. "When I was here before we couldn't practice a lot of days for fear of tearing up the field and we could never practice at night unless we went to Braly. Now with Braly turfed too, we can practice

and play on the same surface and workout under the lights anytime we want to or need to."

The last time Wallace stepped onto the field at Braly Stadium was to be inducted into UNA's Athletic Hall of Fame last September.

This September, he will return to Braly to lead the next generation of UNA Lions into battle.





## LIONS GET BIG WIN IN BIG D



UNA supporters gathered for a pre-game Bar-B-Que and Pep Rally across the street from Cowboys Stadium.



Last September the members of the University of North Alabama football team found out that everything really is bigger in Texas, or at least at Cowboys Stadium.

Only months after having hosted Super Bowl XLV, Cowboys Stadium in Dallas opened its doors to the UNA Lions as part of the Lone Star Football Festival—a one-day, three-game, six-team celebration of Division II college football. And while the 80,000-seat facility with its 11,520 square foot



UNA fans Ron Howdyshell and Barry Morris were among the more than 24,000 in attendance.

video boards may have impressed the Lions and their fans, nothing was more impressive than UNA's thrilling 23-17 win over third ranked Abilene Christian.

UNA entered the game ranked fourth in Division II and led 16-0 after the first period and 23-10 in the closing minutes before having to recover an onside

kick with less than two minutes to go to preserve the win.

The win was a historic one for the Lions in many ways. The crowd of 24,837 was the



Cameron Wade (80) and Tristan Purifoy (8) celebrate a UNA touchdown.



UNA quarterback Lee Chapple looks for an open receiver.



UNA running back Antwan Ivey looking for running room.





UNA center Jamie Dixon on one of the giant video boards in Cowboys Stadium.



UNA's James Brooks (34) deflects an Abilene Christian pass.

largest ever to watch a UNA football game and the 80,000 seat stadium was the largest facility that any North Alabama team has played in, surpassing Legion Field and the Citrus Bowl.

That victory eventually helped

vault UNA into a No. 1 national ranking by mid-season and the Lions finished the 2011 campaign at 9-3, reaching the second round of the playoffs.

UNA's Lone Star experience included a practice at Cowboys

Stadium on Friday and a tour of the Cowboys locker room and facilities. The UNA fans, meanwhile, held a pre-game barbecue and pep rally before cheering the Lions on to victory.



UNA players celebrate a hard-fought 23-17 win.



B.J. and Bill Cale



Una, Jeff Edwards '64, Leo, and Paul Smith '66



Ernest Haygood '58



Greg '82 and Susan Burdine



Ryan '03 and Bailey McWhorter '03 with sons



Ed Franks '71 with his family and cheerleaders



Mark Linder



Randy '77 and Pat Roden '75 with Miranda '04 and Jason Bowie '04



Virginia Cockrell '52 and Carolyn McInnis '60



Tricia Montgomery and Carol Lyles '70



Jerrell Ingle, Walter Ingle '50, Kip Ingle and B.B. Ingle '74

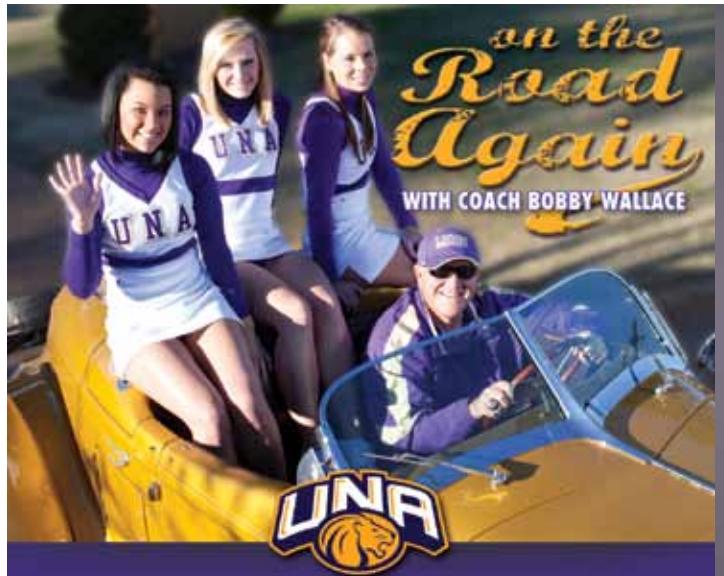


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## message from the Alumni President

What an exciting time to be a UNA Lion! So many great things are happening at the University of North Alabama and I would like you all to take part in the events on and off campus.

The university is continuing to make great strides towards making the Division I move. And what a better way to make this move than with Bobby Wallace as our head football coach! The news of his arrival to UNA has increased excitement on campus as well as in our community. With the positive changes that are

taking place on campus, I would like you all to continue to support the Division I transition. This move will take the support and enthusiasm of the entire Shoals area, whether that may be purchasing season tickets or promoting the university in your home or place of business. Please support all sports. Our spring athletic schedule is super exciting and alumni need to be present to cheer these athletes on to victory!

As UNA alumni, let's make a statement! Wear a UNA cap or sweatshirt. Place a sticker on your car or even fly a UNA flag on your front porch. As alumni we need to let everyone know we are proud alumni of the University of North Alabama! And now more than ever we need to let those colors show. Taking it to the next level with DI will be a huge process, so even more support is needed from all of us. Together, we will make a huge impact by showing our school pride!

I would also like to invite you to become active in your local alumni club. With clubs in numerous locations it is easier than ever to become involved! I would also like you as an alumnus and/or friend of the university to take the initiative to start your own club if there is not an existing group in your community. The Office of Alumni Relations would be more than happy to assist you in becoming involved and/or taking a leadership role in your area! I also want to invite you to take part in the annual UNA Alumni Leadership Summit taking place in the Performance Center on campus, March 16 and 17. Carol Lyles and staff are hard at work in selecting motivating and informative speakers to assist everyone in developing clubs and strengthening those clubs already in existence. We also will be working on the new strategic plan for the next five years, which will assist the association in growing with the university as we transition into Division I.

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Let's make 2012 a wonderful year! Make the university a priority for yourself and your family. UNA is such a huge part of this community, take every opportunity to become involved and make the university stronger than ever! Here's to 2012 and UNA—Roar Lions!

**Sarah Beth (Vandiver) Alexander '04**  
Alumni President, 2011-2012

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Bobby Wallace, Allen Williams, George Lindsey '52, Rachel Price '00, Ronda Price '00, and Michael Edwards '97

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



The twenty-second class of inductees into the University of North Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame included former Lion volleyball All-American and Academic All-American selections **Rachel Price '00** and **Ronda Price '00**, legendary UNA football coach **Bobby Wallace**, former Lion quarterback and film and television star **George Lindsey '52**, **Michael Edwards '97** (who ranks as UNA's all-time leading receiver), and basketball standout **Allen Williams** (who led the Lions to the 1991 NCAA Division II National Championship).

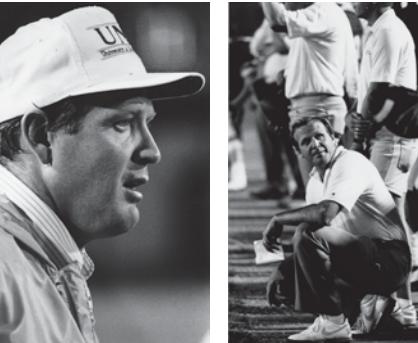
This year's inductions brought the total number of inductees into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame to 100.

Rachel Price Bell and Ronda Price Brinley were four-year starters on Lion volleyball teams from 1996-99 that had a combined 156-22 record. The Lions won four straight Gulf South Conference championships, made four straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, and won two NCAA regional championships. The sisters are two of only six UNA student-athletes all-time to have earned both All-American and Academic All-American honors. Rachel played in a school record 593 games and 178 matches and had 1,539 kills. Following her graduation from UNA, she earned a doctorate in Biomedical Engineering from Purdue University and is currently employed as a clinical project manager in West Lafayette, Ind. Ronda

had 2,550 career kills, was ranked second in Division II history when she ended her career, and she set 15 individual school records. Both earned the GSC Commissioner's Trophy during their careers and were NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipients. Following her graduation from UNA, Ronda graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine and did her residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is employed as an anesthesiologist in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Edwards is by far the leading pass receiver in UNA football history, with almost 1,000 yards more than any other pass catcher in school history. A four-year starter for the Lions from 1993-96, he has 151 career catches for 2,844 yards and 20 touchdowns. He helped lead UNA to three straight NCAA Division II National Championships. His 955 yards receiving in 1994 is also a school single-season record. He was UNA's top receiver in 1994, 1995, and 1996. Edwards was selected for the UNA Team of the Decade for 1989-98, named to the UNA 50th Anniversary Football Team for 1949-98, and was chosen for the GSC Team of the Decade for the 1990s. He is currently employed as a Sergeant with the Starkville, Miss., Police Department. He graduated from UNA in 1997 with a degree in Criminal Justice and has worked in law enforcement for the last 13 years.

Lindsey was a two-year letterman on Lion football teams in 1950



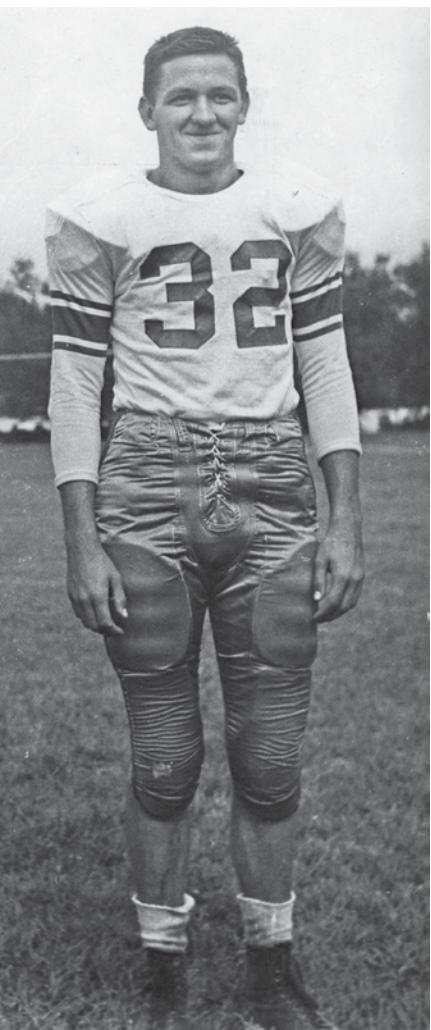
Bobby Wallace



Michael Edwards '97



Allen Williams



George Lindsey '52

and 1951 and played quarterback. He went on to an illustrious career in television and film. His most famous role was that of Goober on the popular TV series The Andy Griffith Show, and he also worked with Hee Haw for 20 years. Lindsey's humanitarian achievements over the years have been notable. He has raised more than one million dollars for the Special Olympics. For 17 years, he conducted the George Lindsay Celebrity Golf Tournament in Montgomery, Ala., which raised money for intellectually disabled children. He also helped raise funds for an



Ronda Price '00

Rachel Price '00

aquatic center for Partlow State School and Hospital in Tuscaloosa. These efforts helped earn Lindsey induction into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. In 1992, UNA presented Lindsey with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. In 1998, he helped establish the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival.

During his ten years at UNA from 1988-97, Bobby Wallace posted an 82-36-1 record that included six NCAA Division II playoff appearances, three Gulf South Conference championships and three consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships (1993-95). Wallace's 1993-95 teams had a combined 41-1 record, making Wallace the first coach in collegiate football history to win as many as 40 games in just three seasons. The three straight national titles also made UNA the first school in the history of NCAA scholarship football to win three straight national titles. Wallace was a three-time GSC Coach of the Year and three-time Division II National Coach of the Year. He was also selected as

the Division II Coach of the Quarter Century (1972-97). He was inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame in 2010 and was also previously inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Allen Williams was a two-year starting guard on UNA basketball teams in 1990 and 1991. He helped lead the Lions to an NCAA Division II National Championship title in 1991 as the Lions finished with a 29-4 record. He led that team in scoring (517) and assists (177), was selected to the All-Gulf South Conference team and to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament team in 1990-91. A native of Clearwater, Fla., Williams played professional basketball over a four-year span in Germany, the Dominican Republic, and the U.S. He is currently assistant basketball coach at Shore Crest Preparatory School in Clearwater. He also does training and skill development with high school and middle school athletes. He and his wife Lori have three children.



## BURN BABY BURN KAPPA SIGMA PAYS OFF MORTGAGE

By Sydney Threet  
*Student Intern*

The Lambda-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma has made the last payment on their house mortgage. During the 2011 Homecoming festivities, brothers, alumni and guests attended a mortgage burning ceremony. Because the house is now paid for and the chapter is debt free, renovations are now underway in the house.

**William McCann '77**, a Kappa Sigma alumnus, has great expectations for the future of the house. "From the first fraternity house in 1974 and the first to build on UNA's Fraternity Row, Kappa Sigma has and will continue to be the trendsetter and leader in the Greek System," McCann said. "Biddle Hall is now 27 years old and showing the wear and tear of the many brothers and visitors who have enjoyed the fellowship there. The dedicated alumni are planning future expansion and improvements to

the property. We look forward to continuing to work with the University as future plans are developed," he said.

Because the chapter is no longer making mortgage payments, it now can use those funds to make changes to the house. The fraternity plans a comprehensive renovation of the interior of the house, with particular focus on the third floor living quarters. **Jim Page '01**, an alumnus, said "[The renovations], of course, will provide a better environment for current undergraduate members and guests, alumni and prospective members. An attractive, functional house for members to use will ensure the long term viability of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity on the campus of the University of North Alabama."

"Most notably, the elected alumni group in charge of house operations are now fully in

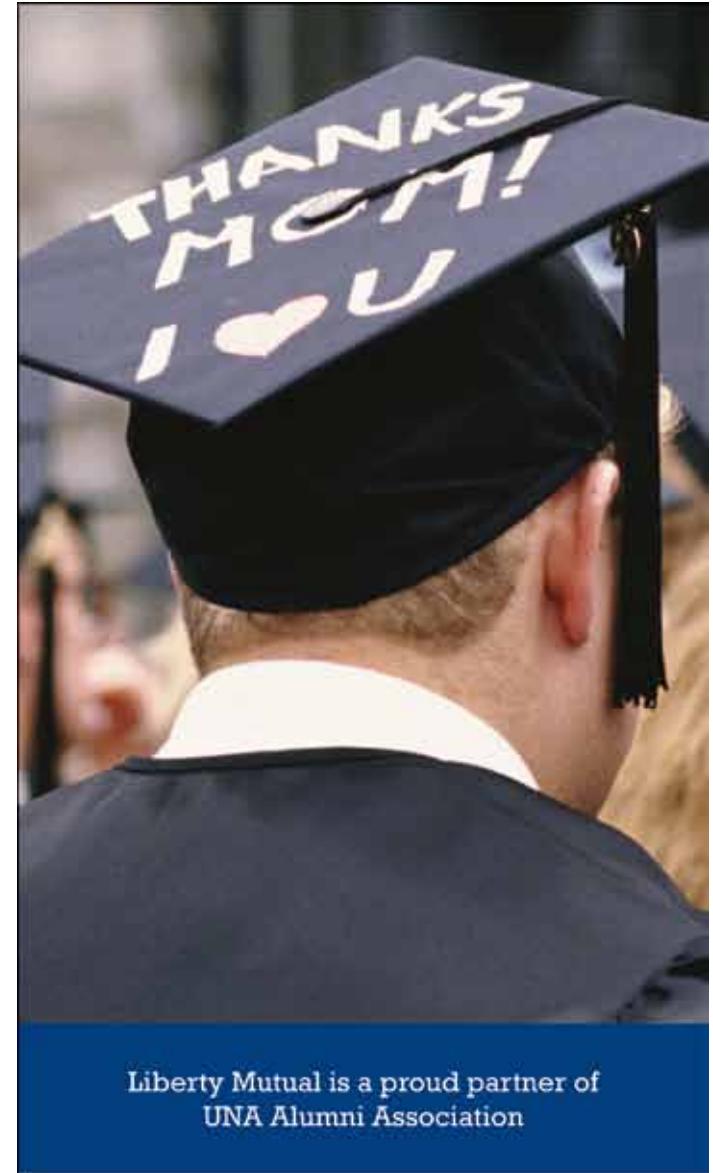


control of the house because they now actually own it. It is extremely gratifying to both undergraduate and alumni members for the chapter to be 'debt free,'" Page said.

The chapter credits its ability to pay off their mortgage to donations from alumni, friends of the university, and brothers of the Lambda-Omicron chapter.



Jim Page '01



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## KILBY REUNION CELEBRATES PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

By Shelly Hellums '06,  
Kilby Media Specialist/Technology Coordinator



In May of 2011 an idea was hatched in the minds of some very dedicated and passionate Kilby mothers. Committees, headed by Anna Champagne, were formed, plans were made, and in a few busy months the first Kilby Alumni Reunion was born.

Thousands of UNA Alumni flocked to historic downtown Florence on the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup> in celebration of our beloved University's Homecoming. For an honored group, the college's traditions ran a little deeper as they returned to their grade school alma mater, Kilby Laboratory School, enthusiastic and eager to share more than a century's worth of memories.

Former Kilby Cubs were invited to begin their festivities Friday evening with Kilby teachers hosting a Movie Night for current Cubs along with the children of alumni. Following the movie, parents and students were invited to show their Lion Pride by walking to the field for the pre-game Pep Rally.

Reunion revelers met early Saturday morning to merge with current Kilby families and put the finishing touches on Kilby's "Futures under Construction" parade float. Spirits were high when the four floats representing Kilby joined the sea of purple and made their way through the downtown Florence parade route. Pompoms waved, cheers were shouted, and students and alumni beamed with pride as they proudly represented Kilby.

Still high with excitement, more than 400 Kilby alumni ranging from ages 12 to 91 gathered at the school to reconnect and reminisce with classmates. Alumni were welcomed into the building by balloon sculptures and friendly faces.

The halls instantly flooded with footsteps as alumni rushed in to receive hugs and extend handshakes.

More than 100 donated items lined the hall, available for alumni to offer bids. The school's library was transformed into a history room filled with albums,

yearbooks, documents, and newspaper articles dating back to the 1800s. A photostory was also projected onto a screen, showcasing photos from times past at Kilby. Guests were invited to walk the paths of their childhood, visiting their old classrooms to talk with current teachers and students and to make connections between past and present. Although many changes have been made to the school throughout the years, the open atmosphere made it easy for the graduates to fall in step again and feel like no time had passed at all.

The gym and cafeteria were opened up as a place for all to gather. Attendees enjoyed delicious barbecue from Bunyans BBQ in Florence while being treated to the sounds of Kilby alumnus Dillon Hodges and current Kilby dad **Dr. Eric Kirkman '97 & '00**. UNA cheerleaders and basketball players even showed up to mingle with the crowd. Kids were invited outside to enjoy a Kid Fun Zone which



included clowns, face painting, balloon animals, and bouncers. During this time, past and present generations shared stories, listened with interest, and soaked in just how special it is to be a "graduate" of such an exceptional school.

Carole Maynard, current Kilby PTO president, captured some of the stories best in a follow up letter she sent to the parents. In her words: "One of the



highlights of the day was meeting our Kilby alums and hearing their Kilby stories. Carolyn Wood (Kilby 1938-1944) reminisced about the Victory Garden Kilby students grew during World War II and how they used those vegetables in the cafeteria. We met Ann Lowery, Kilby's first teacher of color, who taught second grade from 1971-1978. Mr. Ingram, who's 91, shared one of his favorite memories: Charles Lindbergh flew over Kilby on his way to the Gulf of Mexico, and the school turned out to wave at him—and he waved back! And Dr. Ranel Spence talked about how in 1967 admission to Kilby was first-come, first-admitted. Getting their daughter into Kilby was so important to him and his wife that he actually slept under a Kilby cafeteria table for three nights because he didn't want to lose his place in line. His dedication paid off as their daughter got in to Kilby and her two younger sisters were able to attend."

**Dr. Fred Frawley '68 & '76**, who practiced his student teaching at Kilby, described the day as "a mountaintop experience" as he entered the doors for the first time since 1968. He was flooded with nostalgia when he explored the artifacts in the library/history room and uncovered photos of himself during





his time at Kilby, pictures of his father from 1948 during his time at Kilby, and pictures of his two children in the late 1970s during their time at Kilby. At the reunion's end, Frawley spoke of his plans to return to the school next year for the event.

As a reunited force, current teachers, students, and families assembled with the prestigious group of Kilby Alumni in the endzone of Braly Stadium. This proud group was honored to carry UNA's field flag at midfield prior to kickoff. The 2011 Homecoming festivities couldn't have ended on a better note, with the Lion victory over the Harding Bison.

At the end of the weekend, Kilby's



worth was evident to everyone in attendance. Kilby's past, present, and future generations are part of the fabric that is the University of North Alabama. The school is more than just an elementary school. It is a place where classmates become friends and family. It is a place where its supporters share a unifying bond, being a member of the University of North Alabama's Lion Pride. We are Kilby Cubs!

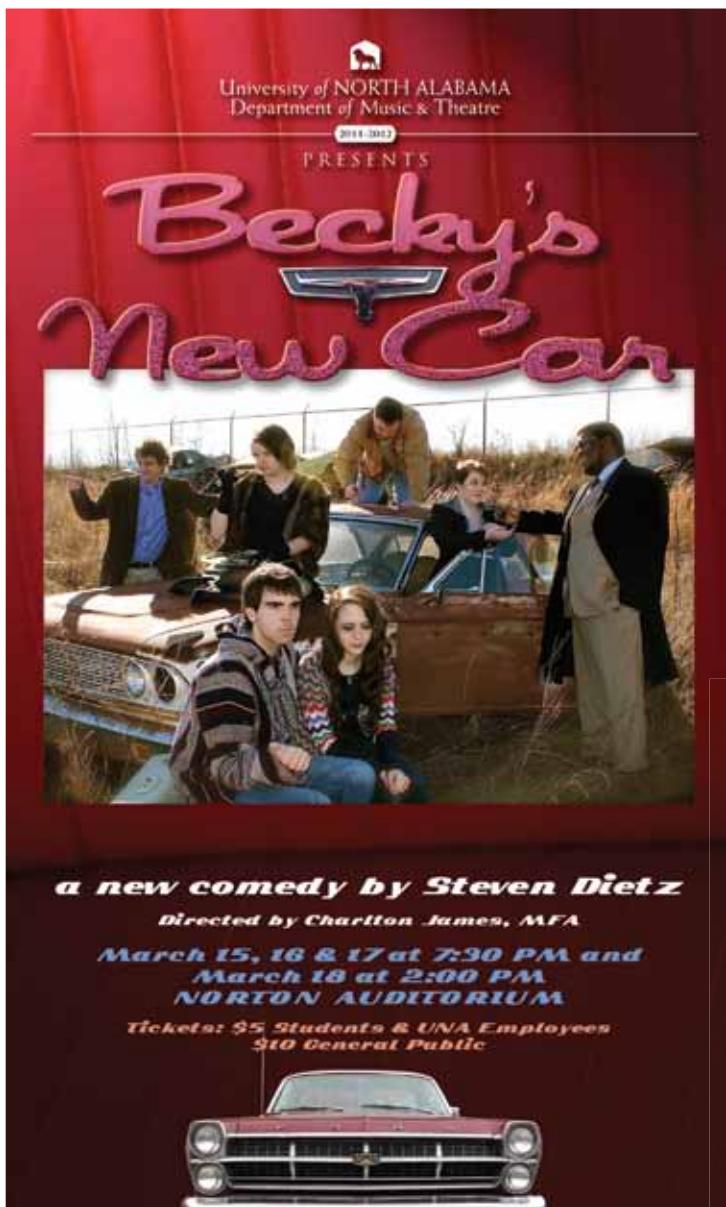


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Christy Jordan ('02), of SouthernPlate.com, was featured on Paula Deen's show "Paula's Best Dishes" Nov. 5. Deen had also endorsed Jordan's book, "Southern Plate: Classic Comfort Food that Makes Everyone Feel Like Family," released by Harper Collins/William Morrow in 2010. Jordan is currently writing a second book and serving as editor-at-large of Southern Living Magazine.

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# CLASS NOTES

## NON-GRAD

**Josh Willingham** has signed a three-year contract with the Minnesota Twins.

## 1950s

**Sarah Jo Box Spearman ('57)** retired as a school librarian after many years in Vernon. Her son Jim Spearman recently endowed a scholarship in honor of his mother. The scholarship is for a student from Lamar County. Sarah Jo Spearman lives in Sulligent, Ala.



John Paul White ('99), of the music duo The Civil Wars, won two Grammy Awards Feb. 12. He and his music partner, Joy Williams, won for Best Country Duo/Group Performance for their single "Barton Hollow" and Best Folk Album for their debut album, "Barton Hollow."

## 1960s

**Janice Smith ('61)** purchased the Bay View Inn prior to her marriage to Stafford Smith in 1961. They have owned and operated the historic property for 50 years and now have four properties. She taught school for 32 years and received Outstanding Teacher of the Year awards during her career.

**Naomi Griffith ('62)** will be featured as the first convocation guest speaker for Arkansas Tech University Ozark's campus. Griffith is a consultant on child welfare issues and speaks at conferences throughout the United States and Canada. She worked in the North Carolina and Alabama child welfare systems, co-founded and became executive director of PACT, a pioneer child abuse prevention agency.

**Ron Hall ('62)** a math and physics alumnus from UNA worked as a software engineer for what is now Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne. He lives in Hartsville, Ala.

**Alan Burleson ('64)** retired after 35 years as journalist at *The Huntsville Times*, served as president of Alabama Sportswriters' Association and was inducted member of Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

**Larry Jackson ('65)** has been in the nuclear business for over thirty years. He is retired as Operations Manager of Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant that enriched uranium for nuclear fuel. He is married to **Elaine Jackson ('65)** a retired teacher. They live in Foley, Ala.

**Richard "Dick" Collier ('67)** worked in marketing for IBM for 24 years and is currently a yacht broker. He and his wife Anne Jackson Collier live in Mobile, Tenn.

**Doug Anderton ('75)** is the general manager of Dade Water Authority and has worked there for forty years. He lives in Trenton, Ga.

**Rex Cheatham ('77)** the Alabama Education Association's Huntsville Representative, is the sole Democrat on the ballot for Morgan County Circuit Clerk. Cheatham spent 10 years teaching in Morgan County schools. He was named Alabama's outstanding educator and Decatur's outstanding young man. The chair of Morgan County's Democratic Executive Committee, Cheatham has been elected six times as a delegate to the Democratic national convention. He's also been elected to represent Decatur on the state level five times. Cheatham served as education liaison for former Gov. George C. Wallace and served as executive director of the governor's education reform committee.

**Harry LeMay ('70)** retired from Novartis Pharmaceuticals in 2010 after 37 years in the health care industry. He was elected to the Wildwood (Missouri) City Council in 2011. He is married to Gail LeMay and has two sons, David and Todd.

**Mary Edith Burkhalter Snyder ('72)** is now working for a cardiologist, following her retirement from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration in 2005. She stays active in the Estill Springs, Tenn., Lions Club.

**Tommy Whitten ('77)** is the Technology Coordinator for Madison County Schools. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 he was honored with the coveted *Making It Happen* award for contributions to the successful integration of technology and leadership in Alabama K-12 schools. He and his wife Paula live in Madison, Ala., where he is the president of the UNA Huntsville/Madison Alumni Club.

**Julia Eckl Goodrich ('73)** has been named Teacher of the Year in North Carolina District of the Department of Defense Education Activity Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools. She is one of the five winners for 2012 through the system for children who live on U.S. military installations. She lives in West End, N.C.

**Walt Aldridge ('78)** has left the familiar confines of the Nashville songwriting scene to take a one-year gig as an adjunct professor at UNA, where he is teaching recording technology in the commercial music program.

**Teresa Thomas ('78)** recently completed the certification program for Scrum Master. Scrum is a project management framework that helps teams organize themselves to get work done. Scrum has been used to develop products and services in small start-ups, Fortune 100 Companies, government agencies, and non-profits. She is a Project Analyst for Infinity Insurance in Birmingham, Ala.

**Debra Gardner ('79)** was 2011 Recipient of Alpha Omicron Pi Rose Award for outstanding service to the Fraternity.

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**Tim Powell ('79)** has been acting professionally on the East Coast for nearly three decades and has now moved to Los Angeles. As an actor he is experiencing continued success by taking a role on "Criminal Minds," as Dr. Alexander, the Medical Examiner in a small Florida town.

## 1980s

**Clay Bennett ('80)** who is a Pulitzer-Prize winning editorial cartoonist, will present this year's annual Connor Society Lecture at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is the cartoonist for the Chattanooga Times Free Press. Bennett and his family live in Signal Mountain, Tenn.

**Cindy Johnson Diehl ('81)** the Walker High School physical education teacher was recently named the Secondary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by a state organization promoting fitness among Alabamians. She lives in Jasper, Ala.

**Dr. Kembrel Jones ('82)** was recently awarded the Wharton "Whatever It Takes Award"

honoring the member of the Wharton administration who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in his/her respective area to ensure that Wharton remains the "best MBA program in the world."

**Leigh Marcus ('82)** and her husband David have lived and worked in Florida, California, and Alabama. They have one son and one daughter, whom they adopted from Magadan, Russia.

**Harold Clemons ('83)** has been named the new Senior Sales Director of the Mid-South Region for Direxion, a leader in alternative investment solutions. Clemons joins Direxion from Principal Funds, where he served as Regional Director in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. During his more than 25 years of experience in the asset management business, Clemons has worked at firms including Capital Real Estate Securities, Dreyfus, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, BlackRock, and PimcoAllianz Investments.

**Lynne Marinello ('83)** is the Product Availability and Obsolescence Branch Chief at Redstone Arsenal. She leads a team of government and contractor employees involved in a mission of practicality. Marinello's team has been so successful that it was recently awarded the 2011 Diminishing Manufacturing Services and Material Shortages Achievement Award. Marinello arrived at the AMRDEC after a stint with United Technologies has headed the Product Availability and Obsolescence Branch since 2004. She received a Masters in Operations Research at the UAH Engineering School. She lives in Rogersville, Ala.

**Kerry Riley ('83)** is the executive vice president-senior credit officer at Northwest Georgia Bank. He and his family live in the Chattanooga area.

**Sybil Cleveland ('84)**, a political science graduate, continued her education at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. In 1999, Cleveland was appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Huntsville and is now in her fourth term. She presides over various misdemeanor cases and also directs the City's Domestic/Physical Violence Court and the

City of Huntsville's Mental Health Court Program. In 2003 she was accepted into Leadership Class. Since then, she has served in various volunteer capacities, and in 2011 was elected as Leadership Huntsville/Madison County Board Chair.

**Charlene McDaniel ('84)**, an instructor at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, has received the 2011 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award from the Ohio Association of Two Year Colleges. Before going to Cincinnati State she worked as a contract instructor for the U.S. Army and a variety of corporate clients, and for the Great Oaks System and a community college in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Myra Miles ('84)**, who is a Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame member, is the Hoover High School Athletic Director. After coaching at many schools such as Haleyville, Brooks, and Coffee High School she has now landed the Hoover Athletic Director position. She lives in Helena, Ala.

**Josephine Roy ('84)** completed a master's degree in English at Middle Tennessee State University in 1988. She worked in higher education at Nashville State Technical Community College for eleven years, until retiring to Foley, Ala.

**Laura Williams ('85)** is CB&S Bank Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of the Hough Road office in Florence. Williams has over 15 years of banking experience and 12 years of retail experience. She is actively involved with the American Red Cross, Florence Exchange Club. She also serves as a Shoals Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and Wal-Mart Local Scholarship Committee through which she received the "Good Neighbor Award" for the Florence area.

**Scott Lovelace ('87)** has joined CB&S Bank as the First Vice President/Florence City President. Lovelace received banking and finance diplomas in commercial lending, management training, and general finance. He has over 20 years of banking experience and is involved in many community organizations, including, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Jaycee's, UNA Sportsman's Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**Michael Claunch ('96)** is working as a seventh grade math teacher in Monroeville, Ala.

**Michelle Rupe Eubanks ('96)** has joined Shoals Hospital as the community relations director. In her role, she will be coordinating community outreach programs and events, primarily in Colbert County. She previously was a staff reporter for the *TimesDaily*.

## 1990s

**Amy Clingan ('90)** has been named the new librarian at Kitty Stone Elementary school in Jacksonville, Ala.

**Todd Markham ('90)** is the new principal at Buckhorn High School. Markham had served as principal at Riverton Middle since 2007 before taking the job at the new Buckhorn Middle School. He is a former UNA basketball player.

**Mickey McClure ('90)**, a banker with more than 20 years of banking experience, is First Southern Bank's vice president in the bank's main office in downtown Florence. He also attended Banking School at the University of South Alabama. As vice president, he will specialize in commercial and private banking.

**Dr. Leah Hoover ('92)** has been promoted to Associate Dean of College at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Ky. She holds a Ph.D. in Special Education with minor fields in Educational Leadership and Administration and Educational Research and Statistics from the University of Alabama. Prior to becoming Associate Dean of the College, Dr. Hoover served as an Assistant Professor in Special Education at Kentucky Wesleyan College and was elected Advisor of the Year for the 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 school year by the student body. She and her three daughters have lived in Owensboro for the past 4 years.

**Laura Franks ('94 & '97)** received her master's in Secondary Education. She earned National Board Certification in 2010 in the area of Early Adolescence/Science. She was also selected as Wilson High School's Teacher of the Year for the 2010-2011 school year. She is married to **Chris Franks ('01)**.

**Michael Claunch ('96)** is working as a seventh grade math teacher in Monroeville, Ala.

**Jeremy Madden ('98)** has been named principal of Fayette County High School in Alabama after 13 years as an educator. **Roderick Sheppard ('98)** was recognized as the 2011 Alabama

Eubanks and her family live in Florence, Ala.

**Cody Gross ('96)**, the University of North Alabama former quarterback was named by Bobby Wallace as his new offensive coordinator.

**Jon Thompson ('96)** is in his first season as head coach at Cherokee High School. He was honored to be inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. He was also inducted into the Colbert County Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

**Jennifer Johnson Greene ('97)** lives in Atlanta and is married and has two boys. She recently started a gaming blog, called the WOW Debutante, where she has gained over 13,000 hits in seven months. She is also active in her local church and sends care packages to expecting military moms on a regular basis. She and her husband Eric and two sons live in Atlanta, Ga.

**Claude Eubanks ('98)** is a Northwest Shoals Community College mathematics and physical Science professor. In 2010, he was selected by the University of Alabama Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering as one of their Centennial Fellows, which recognizes the 100 most outstanding alumni selected from more than 2,000 alumni between 1910 and 2010. Eubanks grew up in Louisiana and attended Southern University in Baton Rouge for his undergraduate studies and earned a bachelor's in chemistry. He went on to receive his master's in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alabama and an MA in Education from the University of North Alabama. He has presented two technical papers associated with chemical and metallurgical engineering at the American Chemical Society and the National Association of Corrosion Engineers. He has more than 28 years of experience in education and more than 25 of the 28 years were performed concurrently with industrial work experience as a chemist and chemical engineer.

**Jim Page ('01)** has been named the president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama. He previously served as vice president for public policy and business development at the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, where he was responsible for government relations and public policy issues on local, state, and federal levels. He also handles the organization's business development efforts. He is a graduate of Leadership Alabama as well as Leadership Morgan County. He and his wife **Sara ('01)** and daughter are living in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Rebecca Hamm ('04)** has joined the Department of Accounting and Business Law at UNA. Hamm was the Keller Key recipient at her graduation from UNA. She has been working as a CPA in Florence for the last several years and also serves as Public Relations Director for a local small business.

**James Mock ('06)** was appointed as director of bands at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School in Hilliard, Fla., after recently moving to Jacksonville, Fla. As their new director, he

District of Alpha Phi Alpha Alumni Brother of the Year. This award recognizes community service activities led by its membership. In 2012, he will be traveling to Columbia, S.C., to represent the State of Alabama at the Southern Regional Convention.

**Tyler Peterson ('02)**, a UNA football standout, has been financial advisor at AG Edwards for five years before transferring to his current job as a financial advisor at the independent firm FPH Financial Services in Huntsville.

## 2000s

**Jennifer Herrmann ('00)** recently received her National Board Certification. She is the director of the Pre-K program at Muscle Shoals City School system.

**Keith Anderson ('01)** has been transferred from Bob Jones as assistant band director to James Clemens as the school's head band director. He has served as an assistant band director at Bob Jones for the past 11 years.

**Chris Estave ('01)**, formerly a mortgage originator for Bank Independent, will assume the role of mortgage lending officer with daily responsibilities including lending and sales.

Originally joining Bank Independent, he brings 12 years of industry experience to the position.

**Serena Hill ('01)** is the Assistant professor of music for Coker College. She earned her Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music from the University of South Carolina.

**Leah Parker ('08)** is working towards her master's in community-based counseling. In addition to her schooling, Parker is also interning at Bradford Health Services in Florence where she works with the substance abuse population as a co-leader of their group therapy for the adult Intensive Outpatient Program.

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is working to re-structure the program and bring it back into a competitive band.

**Dustin Rhodes ('06)** was promoted to sales officer at the Pine Street branch of First Metro Bank in Florence and will serve customers with lending needs. Rhodes joined the bank as a credit analyst with daily responsibilities such as reviewing personal and business loans and financial statements. He is currently attending Alabama Banking School and will graduate in 2012.

**Nancy Wolfe ('02)** is the Huntsville High School counselor and she has been named the "Alabama High School Counselor of the Year" by the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA). She has been president of Chapter 2 of Alabama Counselor Association and has held offices of secretary, treasurer, and historian. She has also been president of ALSCA.

In 2004, she was the recipient of a Golden Apples Teacher Award. In 2005, she received the Ada Sparks a New Counselor of the Year Award. She is president of the Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honorary society of women educators.

**Amanda Brown Wilson ('03)** is a Chattanooga artist who will be featured in the main gallery of the Creative Arts Guild. Her show titled "A Handmade World" will feature her works that include quilts, paintings, altered books, and sculptures. Her paintings, drawings, sculptures and crafts are in many private collections across the United States and internationally. She is currently teaching Photography, Sculpture, and Intro to Art at Walker Valley High School in Cleveland, Tenn.

**Marey-Leigh Thornton Nicdao ('07)** Scientist I, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, Atlanta, is now a registrant of the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists (NRCM).

She became certified as a Registered Microbiologist in Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Microbiology. To earn the NRCM credential, Nicdao first met rigorous educational and experiential eligibility requirements and then passed a comprehensive written examination.

**Joshua Johnson ('10)**, Marine Corps PFC, recently completed the Marine Corps Enlisted Warehouse Basic Course. During the course with Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools Training Command, Camp Lejeune, N.C., students are provided with a comprehensive theoretical and practical background in the performance and administration of duties as a warehouse clerk.

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## 2010s

**Raleigh Green ('10)** has been promoted to the position of credit analyst in the Credit Administration Department of Bank Independent. He is responsible for working with the credit administration and sales officers to develop loan approval packages. Additionally, he monitors recent updated financial information, prepares analysis documentation and helps to maintain the asset quality of the bank's portfolio.

**William Hodges ('10)** is a Researcher for Brunswick Group LLC in Washington, D.C.

Hodges is the president of the Greater D.C. UNA Alumni Club.

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# IN MEMORY

## YEARS UNIDENTIFIED

**Jimmy Free** was a retired crane operator with Reynolds Metals, served two tours in the Army during Vietnam, and received two Purple Hearts. He graduated from Colbert County High School and attended the University of North Alabama, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

**Grace Killin** attended Florence State Teachers College, and earned her secretarial degree from the Florence Business College leading to her career of more than 20 years in Washington, D.C., where she was personal secretary to the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior. At the time of her retirement she was the recipient of the Silver Medal of Honor for meritorious service.

**Robert Lemuel Layton, Jr.**, graduated from Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, Tenn., and attended Auburn University, and Florence State Teachers College. He served in the U.S. Army.

**Porter Jacobs Yates, Jr.**, attended the University of North Alabama. He was a warrant officer in the U.S. Army for three years. He proudly served his country in Korea in 1953-54. He retired in 1986 from Liberty National after thirty years.

## 1940s

**Evelyn den Boer** was a performer, music teacher, and served as church organist. She taught music at UNA, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond.

**Marie Williams ('42)** was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa and a graduate of Florence State Teachers College. She was a retired elementary

school teacher of Florence City Schools.

**Carol Nichols ('49)** earned a B.A. in English from Florence State Teacher's College. She then taught school in Acworth, Ga. She also worked as a church administrator for several years. She was a member of Sesame Club and PEO.

## 1950s

**Dr. Glenda Crawford ('53)** had a doctor of philosophy degree in educational management systems.

After she moved to Miami, she taught calculus and algebra. She then opened Miami Killian Senior High School. She became an administrator, served as an assistant principal, and she became Dade County's first female senior high school principal for 12 years. She returned to Miami and took an administrative position at Gulliver Academy where she served until her retirement in 2009. While in Florida she was vice president of the Florida High School Athletic Association Executive Board. She also served as chairman of the Senior High Principals in Miami.

**Roy Michael ('54)** received his undergraduate degree and was commission in the U.S. Army. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1974 after various assignments in Europe, stateside and the Pentagon. He was an Army Aviator 18 years of his service. Notable were two tours of combat and combat support service during the Vietnam War. His various medals included Bronze Stars for valor, but his most cherished medal was the Army Commendation Medal, which he received twice for a job well done. Subsequent to retirement from the Army, he served at TVA as an air quality specialist. Until his death, Michael served as a charter member of the Shoals Optimist Club, and he was a member of the Muscle Shoals School Education Foundation.

**John Landers, Sr. ('54)** graduated in chemistry and biology from Florence State Teachers College. He then served in the U.S. Army. He began his career as a chemist at the Tennessee Valley Authority's phosphate development lab. He enrolled

School, and recognized for Outstanding Performance as a Science Educator by the University of Alabama. In 1988, she received the Alabama Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. Twice, the Westinghouse Science Talent Search Foundation recognized her for excellence.

**Sam Hambrick ('54)** was the Scottsboro Junior High School physical education teacher and coached the ultra-successful seventh, eighth, and freshmen basketball teams while helping with the junior varsity and varsity teams. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club. The gymnasium at Scottsboro High School is named Hambrick Hall.

**Rachel Speck Minor ('53)** attended Florence State Teachers College. While completing her M.A. she moved to Tuscaloosa and taught for Tuscaloosa City Schools. Minor also taught at Webb School of Knoxville, Tenn., before moving to Florence and teaching at Coffee High School and Bradshaw High School, retiring in 1991. In 1980, she appeared on the cover of the National Women's Bureau promotional campaign, U.S. Department of Labor. In 1986, she was recognized as Teacher of the Year at Bradshaw High

School. Cafiero ('65) earned two degrees in music and a master's in piano performance from the University of Miami. Upon graduation in 1973, she remained in South Florida and embarked on a career in performing arts management, working for the Florida Philharmonic, the Ft. Lauderdale Opera Guild, and the University of Miami's Maurice Gusman Concert Hall. In 1980 she took a position in public relations with the Miami Herald where she devoted over two decades of her life. In 2000, she was awarded the prestigious James K. Batten Knight Ridder Excellence Award for Community Service. Cafiero was a board member of the UNA Alumni Association.

**George Farris ('58)** served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War era. After discharge from the Army, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in education from UNA and taught at Lynn school for several years.

## 1960s

**Bill Wise ('63)** received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from UNA and his Ed. D. from the University of Tennessee. In 1997, Wise was named as the superintendent of the Metro Nashville Public Schools. He had served as deputy and assistant superintendent for the Business and Facility Services. He retired as superintendent in 2001. He received numerous national awards throughout his career. The Council of the Great City Schools established the Bill Wise Award Program, a national award in his honor, to recognize a business official who is exemplary in service to urban education.

**Judy Patterson Lett ('64)** was a retired teacher from the Morgan County School system where she taught for more than 25 years. She was a charter member of East Highland Baptist Church.

**Geraldine "Jerri" Berryman ('65)** was a graduate with a degree in Elementary Education. She was a former elementary teacher in the Lawrence County School system.

members. Two scholarships have been established at the University of North Alabama in memory of Fred Hendon—one for elementary education majors and the other for music majors.

**Edward Sharpley ('75 & '79)** served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. For 28 years, he served in the Alabama Army National Guard, Company A 115<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion. His work career included Reynolds Metal and Reynolds Alloys Companies for 37 years.

**Bassel Winter ('77)** retired from Lauderdale County Board of Education after teaching at Oakland Elementary, Central High School, and Wilson High School.

**Ausie Clement Jr. ('68)** retired from TVA Browns Ferry. He served in Vietnam and later retired as an Army captain with the Purple Heart medal.

## 1970s

**Marilyn Phillips Glaister ('72)** was employed by BellSouth Telephone. Glaister received her B.S. degree in Nursing from the University of Alabama Huntsville in 1976 and was a certified nurse in Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina in a number of disciplines for many years. She worked many years for Charter Hospital as Psychiatric Nurse and in Nurse Management. Also she was a Nurse Supervisor for Westwood Nursing Home, and finished her career at MCG as a Nurse Educator.

**Fred Hendon ('74)** worked at Reynolds Metals Co., while he attended school at Florence State College to earn his education degree. He taught in the Florence City School system before becoming principal of Harlan School in 1981. He served as choir director of Central Baptist Church, Valley Grove Baptist Church, and Underwood Baptist Church. Hendon led the community choir at the 1999 Tony Evans Crusade. From that event, the Shoals Praise and Worship Choir was started and in 13 years has grown to more than 200

**Joe Bennich, Jr., ('81)** received a Fine Arts Degree in Photography. He was active in his Greek Organization, Pi Kappa Phi.

**Robert McAfee, Jr., ('81)** was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He was a journeyman sheet metal worker for 20 years.

**Joyce Williams ('81)** received her master's degree from the

university, where she was an English professor and was a longtime member of American Association of University Women.

**Janet Maxwell ('87)** was a member of Alpha Omega Pi sorority, and a member of Highland Baptist Church. She was granted membership into the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2010.

## 1990s

**Julie Marks ('91)** was employed at Hospice of the Shoals until her health forced her to retire. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church, where she was a member of the hand bell choir.

**Wendy Carol Barnette ('98)** graduated from Austin High School in 1992 and from the University of North Alabama.

## NON-GRAD

**Douglas Aldridge** attended UNA and then received his Certificate of License to preach in 1988. He attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving his diploma in 1994. He served as a summer missionary at Susquehanna Baptist Church.

**John Braswell** attended Florence State University on a football scholarship and played on the 1949-50 teams. Braswell was an active member of the U.S. Army attached to the Third Army Division stationed at Fort McPherson near Atlanta, Ga.

After his service, he returned to Alabama and pursued a degree from Samford School of Pharmacy in Birmingham. Mr. Braswell was associated with Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company in 1963. He worked for Lilly in various sales territories including Florence, Birmingham, and Decatur until his retirement in 1993. He was inducted into the Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame.

**Arthur Rowe ('84)**, after moving to Alabama in 1979, led and served as vocalist/pianist for a tour group called The Lightbearers for Christ which was sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination. He later was to serve his first pastorate at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Paint Rock, Ala. He received a Skaggs Scholarship to attend seminary at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., and earned the Master of Divinity Degree with Distinction. Always on a spiritual journey, Rowe later became an elder in the United Methodist Church and served churches throughout north Alabama.

## FACULTY/ STAFF

**Virgil Johnson** was a custodian at UNA; he maintained Rogers Hall and the UNA Police Department. He was a member of the Church of Christ, and he enjoyed hunting and Alabama football.

In November the University of North Alabama lost one of its most beloved faculty members, **Nelson Van Pelt**. Van was part of the UNA campus for parts of five decades. I'm sure that he was one of the few who had such a long tenure at UNA. More important than his longevity was the positive impact he had on so many students. Van Pelt had that unique ability to encourage and inspire without letting us know we were being encouraged. With humor and healthy cynicism, Van Pelt brought out the best in his students.



Nelson Van Pelt

When I started Florence State College in the summer of 1968, the first class in which I enrolled was Photography 101, and that class gave me the impetus to continue in photography for the next 45 years. Although I had a career in secondary and college education, the passion for photography that he instilled in me never abated. Today photography is my full-time vocation and incidentally five of our seven member staff are UNA graduates.

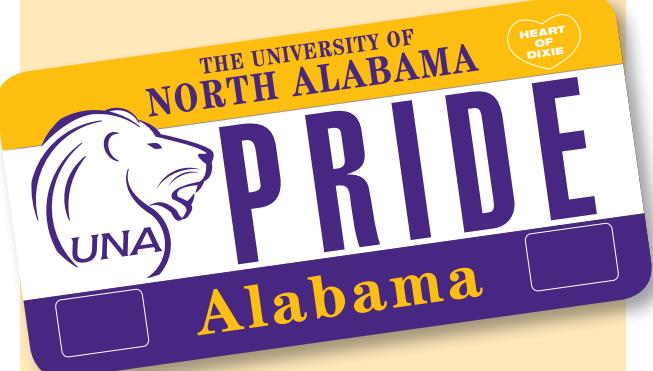
In addition to taking Van's

classes I also worked in the audio-visual department. My job consisted of loading, projecting, and rewinding 16mm films. Van always cautioned us about leaving the projection room in case the film broke. Like most 17-year-olds, I didn't listen. It quickly became tiresome watching the psychology department's pigeon pecking films and I didn't really care about stimulus and response among birds, so I left the projection room for only a few minutes. When I returned, there was about a hundred and fifty feet of film in the floor.

Before I could clean up the mess, Van showed up. Instead of becoming angry, he made one of his patented salty remarks and showed me how to fix everything. Since that day, I knew that Van was so much more than just a college professor. For those of us who were part of the photography/audio-visual department, Van was our mentor, our advisor, and our friend. Over the years hundreds of those of us who were Van's students came and went. While we left and took many separate paths, Van's influence never left us.

By Mac Brown ('72)

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